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JEWES PREPARE FOR ARAB PUSH

Haganah Air Force Claimed To Be Active

"Swing It", Said His Majesty

London, Dec. 18.
"Swing It," said King George VI. And the orchestra did, but their hearts weren't in it.

Lou Praeger and his 18-piece dance orchestra from Hammarstrand were playing old-fashioned dances at the annual servants' dance in Buckingham Palace last night, when the King and Queen and Princess Margaret approached.

The King asked Praeger whether he played many old-fashioned dances at Hammarstrand.

"Very seldom as we asked for this sort of number, your Majesty," confessed Praeger.

Queen Elizabeth asked what the orchestra played. Princess Margaret, probably the happiest member of the Royal Family, whispered: "Swing music." — United Press.

Rehab. Loan Will Open Today

Subscriptions to Hong Kong's 3½% Rehabilitation Dollar Loan, redeemable in 1973-78, will be accepted at the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China.

The application list will close on or before January 15 next year.

In the first stage, the Government is inviting applications to raise \$50,000,000 in Bearer Bonds of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 denominations. Applications must be for even thousands.

Interest will be payable half-yearly — January 15 and July 15 — the first interest being available on July 15 next.

The loan is payable on par not earlier than January 15, 1973 and not later than January 15, 1978.

Britain Allows Use Of Armoured Cars

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.

British authorities are permitting Haganah, the Jewish defence force, to use airplanes and armoured cars in keeping open Jewish communications in Palestine, it was reported today.

One report said the Haganah have already put a small air force into action to fly medical supplies and doctors into two settlements at Negev and to return wounded settlement police to Tel-Aviv hospitals.

Another report said the Palestine Government is prepared to authorise the use of 18 armoured cars, manned by Haganah men, to escort convoys on dangerous highways subject to Arab attack.

Most of the armoured cars will be used on the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway where Arab attacks occur frequently. Estimate of arcan damage in the no-man's-land area between Jewish Tel-Aviv and Arab Jaffa during the past 48 hours alone is set at US\$400,000.

Sporadic Raids

Meanwhile, roving bands of desert-bred Bedouins today continued to menace Jewish settlements beyond Beer-sheva. Negev was still the most troubled area of the Holy Land today but the general lull in hostilities "incidents" went into the third day.

Only isolated incidents were reported.

Arabs attacked a Jewish bus and an old Jew was murdered outside the Old City.

Arab roadblocks sprouted all around Arab communities, including the old city, as Arabs continued to prevent infiltration of Jewish terrorists.

Even Westerners were prevented today from entering Arab communities.

The British-requested truce in the Jaffa-Tel-Aviv front seemed effective.

ACID THROWN ON DANCE HOSTESS

While walking along Queen Victoria Street between 2 and 3 p.m. yesterday, Luk Yee Mui, a dance hostess of the Paramount Ballroom, was the victim of an acid throwing attack.

It was reported that someone threw corrosive liquid on her. Luckily only her clothing suffered damage.

A report was made to the police. She said she could not identify the culprit.

Select Committee Says Dalton Erred

London, Dec. 18.

The House of Commons' Select Committee held today that Mr. Hugh Dalton, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, erred in telling secrets of his budget to a newspaper reporter and the reporter in turn erred in publishing them.

Mr. Dalton resigned as Chancellor on November 13 because the afternoon newspaper, "The Star," published an accurate prediction of his tax changes on November 12, a half hour before he announced them in the House.

He subsequently admitted he had sketched the tax changes for Mr. John Carvel, lobby correspondent of "The Star," when the latter approached him as he was about to enter the Chamber.

The Select Committee concluded: "Mr. Dalton made a premature and unpremeditated disclosure to Mr. Carvel... of the contents of his budget, which disclosure he had no right to make."

"Mr. Dalton did not make his disclosure for premature publication and believed there was no possibility of such publication."

"Mr. Carvel disclosed the information to his newspaper in the guise of a forecast, believing at the time he was at liberty to do so."

"That belief was mistaken and disclosure to the editor of 'The Star' was an error of judgment on Mr. Carvel's part."

"The error of judgment was made in all good faith."

Mr. Dalton said he could not recall whether he told Mr. Carvel the information was "off the record" but would not challenge Carvel's testimony that no embargo had been placed on the information.

Carvel said he told his editor that his forecast was based on "good authority" but did not name Dalton as his source.

The chairman of the Stock Exchange Council told the Committee that no sale movements could be traced to the budget leak. — United Press.

Strikers To Operate Bus Service?

Describing their demands as "fair and reasonable," the striking China Motorbus Company conductors and drivers declared in a statement yesterday that they are going to stick to their demands "to the last."

The strike, now in its ninth day, has affected mainly the outlying districts, such as Stanley, Repulse Bay and Aberdeen. In their statement yesterday the strikers expressed regret over the inconvenience caused to the public and asserted that they were willing to operate a bus service provided it had nothing to do with the China Motorbus Company.

This, the statement added, is under discussion between the Motorbus Drivers Association and the local Traffic Authorities.

In a visit to the area, Mayor Sir John Mowbray, yesterday afternoon, the "China Mail" found the village in a state of serene self.

Had-bombs were going full ahead in the "factories" on a stool by the side of the pair of old-fashioned cannons which have become a landmark of the area.

The exterior of the "Alma-house," (which is not connected with the present issue) is decorated for the Festival Season.

Judging by the outward appearance, anyone would suspect that the rate of between 600 to 800 persons who usually live in the area was decided 72 hours ago.

Rationing Adviser For China



Mr. John Hutt, a Principal Assistant Secretary to Britain's Food Ministry arrived in Hong Kong yesterday en route to Nanking.

He has been "loaned" to the Chinese Government to advise and assist in the introduction of stringent rationing of China's fast dwindling stocks of food, clothing and fuel.

Mr. Hutt is scheduled to leave today for Shanghai by a CNAC Skymaster.

He will stay in China for six months.

Mr. Hutt's services were offered to China by Britain when China requested detailed information of Britain's food rationing system with a view to instituting nationwide rationing. — China Mail Photo.

Even Frogs Get Nervous In Moscow

London, Dec. 18.

A "nervous" frog with orange-coloured skin is among the London Zoo's new acquisitions from the Moscow zoo.

The keepers say that it is so nervous among strangers that it lies down, folds its front legs and plays dead.

— Associated Press.

BIG BLACKMARKET RING BROKEN IN CANTON

Canton's "Economic Police" on Wednesday smashed one of China's biggest black-market organizations, according to a report last night from the Kwangtung capital.

The report said that books and a considerable quantity of documents were impounded by the "Economic Police" following a raid on the racketeers' hide-out.

The books showed that the organization has branches in Hong Kong, Macao, Shanghai, Hankow and other big Chinese cities.

Also seized in the raid were numerous radio sets which the gang used to contact agents in other parts of China and to convey black-market exchange rates in gold and foreign currencies, particularly United States currency.

The documents showed that many Chinese officials are involved in black-market organization.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Headquarters in Canton is taking a very serious view of the case, which has been referred to Nanking for decision.

Bank Board

Meanwhile, United Press reports from Nanking that President Chiang Kai-shek personally presided over the Government Banks board of directors meeting this morning to work out a new loan policy for the Government.

The previous loan policy, which was recently suspended to tighten the money market as a step to curb speculation and hoarding, was extensively reviewed at the meeting, according to informed sources.

It was not revealed, however, if any decision was made.

Finance Minister O.K. Yui also attended the meeting.

The Weather

There is little change in the exceptional intense anti-cyclonic which dominates south-east Asia and the neighbouring seas.

Pressure is low to the north-east of Japan and over the East.

Forecast: Fresh north and north-east winds, partly cloudy, continuing cold.

Yesterday's Weather: Partly cloudy, with a maximum of 22.5 deg. F.

Minimum: 12.5 deg. F.

Humidity: 65%.

Wind: 10 to 15 m.p.h.

Sea: 1 to 2 ft.

Bar: 30.0 in.

Clouds: 10 to 20%.

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"VENGEANCE"
DUE IN H.K.
ON MONDAY

The 14,000-ton aircraft carrier "Vengeance" is due to arrive in Hong Kong from Singapore on Monday, the "China Mail" learned authoritatively yesterday. She is expected to enter the harbour at 3.15 p.m.

Radar
Reaches To
New Heights

Washington, Dec. 17. A United States Army Signal Corps official said today that radar ranges have been extended so far beyond those of World War II that it is now possible to detect high-flying missiles 1,000 miles away. Detection of low-flying guided missiles remains a matter of considerable difficulty.

Norman Abbott, Assistant Chief of the Radar and Meteorological Branch of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, discussed recent radar improvements in an interview.

The Defence Secretary, James Forrestal, announced recently that Dr. Vannevar Bush, chairman of the Research and Development Board, is directing the study by scientists of early warning radar and other devices to protect the United States against a sneak attack.

Abbott said he believed the difficulties of setting up a radar warning network for America "can be solved." But, he added, the system will be expensive and complex.

Major Problem

The big problem, he said, is long-range detection of low-flying attack planes or missiles. Radar waves, like other microwave rays, do not travel in straight lines. They do not follow the curvature of the earth as do longer radio waves.

So radar detection of guided missiles like the V-1 buzz bomb which fly at 5,000 feet or lower is hard. Abbott said it would be possible to set up in the Arctic automatic tenders to detect the approach of operating for months without attention to detect the approach of trans-Polar attack forces.—United Press.

HMS "Vengeance," on a routine visit, will remain here for 10 days before returning to Singapore.

"Vengeance" is one of seven ships in the "Colossus" class of aircraft carriers, most of which were completed in 1945-46.

Displacing 14,000 tons (17,720 tons full load), they carry from 39 to 44 aircraft and are armed with 24 2-pounder pom-poms as well as large number of 20 mm. anti-aircraft guns.

Powered by Parsons geared turbines driving two shafts, they have a speed of about 26 knots.

Similar

Similar to these ships are the five in the "Majestic" class. Differences between them are not perceptible from photographs and are believed to be almost entirely confined to internal accommodation on the mess decks.

Both classes are insulated for tropical service and are air-conditioned.

Two others—"Magnificent" and "Warrior"—were transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy and two more were completed as the Maintenance Aircraft Carrier "Pensac" and "Plover."

OLD BOY'S DINNER

Old Boys of St. Stephen's College celebrated their second post-war annual get-together with a dinner and dance at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday evening.

About 100 members and guests, including the School's Headmaster, Canton B. W. L. Martin, were present.

Earlier in the evening members held their annual meeting, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Mr. Mok Hing-wing; Joint Hon. Secretaries: Messrs. Chan Yee-tung and Chan Shu-fat; General Committee: Messrs. Chan Pak-luk, Si Wai-ping, Chan Lu-nin, Tang Wah-tsun, Liang Sze-wa, Li Hin-hang, Fan Chi-kuen and the Rev. Koh Per-khang.

B. & F. TRUST
CHIEF DEAD

Benjamin Stymour Guinness, 79, Chairman of British and Foreign Trust Limited, died on Monday night at Atharva de Plencour, Bailleul, Thimerville, France.

The French newspaper, Liberation, said death came after a horseback riding accident. He lived on the French Riviera for nearly 20 years.

Guinness was born in Dublin. He served in the British Navy and, after retirement, was prominent in American business life for many years.—Associated Press.

FOOD PARCELS
FUND

The following is a list of donations to the Food Parcels Fund received up to Dec. 17 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Mr. C. Blaker \$100, Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd. \$200-\$300; Received up to Dec. 16 and already acknowledged \$2,322.75; Total donations received up to Dec. 17, \$22,632.75.

WAR MEMORIAL
FUND

Subscriptions received on Dec. 18: Hong Kong Clays & Kaolin Co., Ltd. \$500, White Star Co. \$200, Hong Kong Printers' Association \$200, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur H. Bentley \$150, Wing Sang Hong \$25; Equal Hong Kong Government Contribution \$1,075; Total to date—\$3,446,771.16.

They Signed An Air Pact



Hong Kong's Director of Air Services, Mr. A. J. R. Moss (right) and Sir John Baldwin (left) returned to the Colony yesterday after signing the Philippines Air Agreement in Manila.

The bilateral air agreement is of vital interest to Hong Kong as practically all British air services, existing or contemplated, linking with the Philippines, will be operating from or through the Colony.

The British representatives arrived by PAL plane.—China Mail Photo.

U.K. Trade Envoy
A Man Of Parts

Mr. W. P. Montgomery, who arrived by air on December 12th to take up the appointment of United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in the Colony. His main duty in Hong Kong is to stimulate the interflow of trade and commerce between the Colony and the United Kingdom, an official spokesman said yesterday.

Mr. Montgomery is 38 years old and holds the degree of M.A. Cantab. (Economics and History).

Before the war he was Director of a company specialising in market research and industrial design for manufacturers and industrial concerns.

From September, 1939, until September, 1944, he was co-director of Lonsdale Handa Co., Ltd., which was responsible for large-scale emergency construction camouflage and building projects for the Air Ministry.

In September, 1944, he joined UNRRA Greece Mission in Cairo, and in October of that year was one of the first men to enter Greece, having been sent by G.H.Q. Cairo to the Aegean Islands (Samos, Chios, Icaria and Mitylene) to survey the existing local conditions with a view to the early repatriation of some 20,000 Greek refugees in the Middle East camps.

He personally prepared and carried out the first stages of the subsequent rehabilitation of refugees.

Early in 1946 he was attached to UNRRA China Mission, and until May 1947 was on loan to the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration at its Shanghai Headquarters, supervising and co-ordinating the work of the Western specialists in their particular spheres.

His functions included the covering of the whole of the field of operations in China and the programme generally, with particular emphasis on industrial, medical and agricultural rehabilitation, and the clearing through Shanghai and exports of all materials and supplies to ensure speedy distribution to consumers.

Personalia

Mr. Edward Ed. Managinis, Director of the China International Motor Co., Ltd., left yesterday by a Pan-American plane for the United States on a business trip. His company are local agents for Buick and Vauxhall cars.

A talk on "The Power of Thought" was given by the Rev. Mr. A. D. Stewart at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Y's Men's Club, held on the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals Wednesday included: A. Dahrouge, R.G. Goodyear, Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Watson, Miss W.K. Watson, Mrs. Mrs. C.T. Smith, W. Groom, C.A. Scherer, H.T. Kessler, C. Scheraga and Chang Ying-ling.

Peninsula Hotel departures Wednesday included T.T. Ogishima, Mrs. E.C. Keen, Mrs. L.A. Hutchison, and Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Piddell.

Departures yesterday by the Pan-American "Orient Clipper" comprised—For Manila, Mr. Oh Chai Mr. Serafin Cheng, Mr. Hasibomali Ghanchani, Master Pedro Da Silva Nolasco, Miss Marie Da Silva Nolasco, Mr. Frank B. Gonzalez, Mr. Jose Pateron, Mr. Merle Robie, Mr. Robert Friedrich, Mr. Chi Chan, Mr. Sun Chan, Miss Betty Colly, Mr. Jesse Dwyer, Honolulu, Mr. N.S. Richard Lock, San Francisco, Mr. King O. Eu, Mr. Nick Kie Lili, Mr. Yang Look Ow, Mr. Jack Pak, Mr. Manuel Sequeira, Mr. Kiu Tang, Mr. Henry Tang, Mrs. Keng Tang.

A Santa Claus Carnival will be held at the European YMCA in Kowloon tomorrow. It will be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Mrs. F. C. Clemo.

DEFENCE CASE
CONCLUDED
AT ALLEN TRIAL

"Allen may be guilty of an indiscretion, but not a criminal offence," declared Mr. Percy Chen yesterday in his closing address to the jury in the case in which William Elijah Allen, Man Kam-fat and Chui Hong are charged on 25 counts of alleged conspiracy to obtain bribes, accepting and agreeing to accept bribes.

The case is being heard before Mr. Justice E.H. Williams (Chief Justice).

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Mr. F.E.W. Shaffin, Senior Supl. of Police and Det. Insp. J. Johnston, is conducting the case. Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn, of Messrs. Brutton & Co., is appearing for Allen.

Man Kam-fat is represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. P.J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C.S. Russ, is appearing for Chui Hong.

Mr. Percy Chen, who resumed his address yesterday morning, continued to deal with the evidence adduced by the prosecution. He said that Allen was a truthful man, who admitted that his memory was bad.

Mr. Chen asked the jury to accept Allen's defence, whatever they might be, in regard to entries in books.

Allen had, said Mr. Chen, told an honest and straightforward story.

Denial

Dealing with the receipt for the table fan, Mr. Chen declared most vehemently that Det. Insp. Johnston was not telling the truth about this receipt.

Mr. Justice Williams repeatedly admonished with Mr. Chen for making certain accusations against prosecution witnesses.

At one stage he said to Mr. Chen: "Be accurate—I have told you about 20 times to be accurate in your statements."

Addressing the jury on behalf of Man Kam-fat, Mr. d'Almada said that the Crown case depended almost in entirety on the evidence of accomplices.

He said that it was virtually a rule of law not to convict on the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice.

"Was there any evidence to corroborate that of the accomplices in this case?" asked Mr. d'Almada who stressed the fact that the evidence of one accomplice could not corroborate that of another accomplice.

Mr. Lonsdale then commenced his reply to Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. d'Almada.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

SMALL FIRE IN
WING ON STORE

A small fire in the Electrical Department at Wing On Departmental Store, 220 Des Voeux Rd., Central, resulted in the Fire Department sending one machine to the scene.

On the arrival of the Brigade, it was found that the building's private fire hydrant were put to use and very little damage was done.

FIRE IN GODOWN

Spontaneous combustion was believed to have been the cause of a fire in Jardine's East Point godown at 3.10 p.m. yesterday when a coal stack of about 500 tons was involved.

The fire was, however, extinguished when the Fire Department dispatched two appliances to the scene.

ARMED ROBBERY

The ground floor of No. 602 Canton Road was the scene of an armed robbery at 10.30 p.m. yesterday when four men, one armed with a revolver, gained entrance.

After ransacking the premises, they decamped with money, jewellery and clothing to a total value of \$1,200.

No arrests have been made up to a late hour last night.

Got Himself "In Dutch"
With Hotel Register

For giving false information to the Gloucester Hotel on June 1, while a resident there, E.E.J. Halpern was summoned before Mr. J. G. Capkin at Central. Yesterday, he was found guilty and cautioned.

Inspector F.E.E. Russell, of Special Branch, said that defendant applied in Nov. 1945 to enter the Colony and was granted permission.

In his letter he stated that he was a naturalised Austrian. He was permitted to enter the Colony on May 6, 1946, and was registered as an alien of Austrian nationality.

On June 1 he registered at the Gloucester Hotel. All particulars in the register were correctly filled in, except the "nationality" column, in which defendant had written "Dutch".

Mr. J. Shier, reception clerk at the hotel, said that he was in the hotel when defendant filled in the nationality column.

Witness said that the particular defendant was a Dutchman in 1945, and that he had been in Hong Kong for the past 18 months.

PENINSULA HOTEL

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 1947
Dinner Dance

CHRISTMAS NIGHT
December 25, 1947
Dinner Dance

BOXING NIGHT
December 26, 1947
Dinner Dance

NEW YEAR'S EVE
December 31, 1947
Dinner Dance



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CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 1947
Dinner Dance

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 1947
Tea Dance

BOXING DAY
December 26, 1947
Tea Dance

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December 31, 1947
Dinner Dance

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Tea Dance

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WIFE TELLS HOW - FATALITY HURT FISHERMAN FOUGHT THIEVES

A finding of murder by a person or persons unknown was given by Mr. Latimer, sitting as Court and jury, yesterday at Kowloon Magistrate's Court in an inquiry on the death of 32-year-old Shung Fo, whom the Magistrate described as a "very, very brave man."

The wife of the deceased, Ng Fui-hai, said that on October 14 she was with her husband and a fook, Mo Tze, in their fishing boat, 2461Y.

They were rowing from Tai O, about noon, to gather seaweed at Shek Pak.

At Shek Pak, when the five boat had been collected and they were preparing for "bright-light" fishing, a sampan with five men approached them.

One Chinese, armed with a gun, ordered Shung Fo to row to Ah Chau Nam Pui.

Shung Fo refused and told the two in the sampan to take anything they wanted.

The robbers replied: "No we don't want anything! We want your life!"

Ran Forward
Deceased Ng continued, then ran forward from his rowing position and the armed robber fired twice.

The fook jumped over into the sea, the armed man leapt back to his sampan while the other robber jumped into the water.

Shung Fo then jumped into the robbers' sampan and fought wildly.

"I heard four shots being fired and saw all the men falling into the water," witness said. She saw her husband climbing into the robbers' craft from a distance away. She rowed back to rescue him.

On the way back, they met some fisher folks who helped them to row to Tai O, where the matter was reported to Police at 11 p.m.

In response to prosecution's query, witness said she did not know any of the "assassins," nor their reason for killing her husband.

S/L Fyfe said that in the early hours of October 15 he went to the village pier to examine deceased.

He found Dr. Chan Wah already there. Deceased had died shortly after before said could be rendered.

S/L Fyfe said: "As far as I was told of the incident, I can say that it occurred in British waters."

He added that within 400 yards from Shek Pak shores it could be considered British area.

Police investigation, meanwhile, is under Inspector Franklin.

Commencing on Monday, and until further notice borings will be taken by barges anchored in the area bounded by Lat. 22 deg. 17' 34" N. Long. 114 deg. 12' 48" E. and Lat. 22 deg. 17' 54" N. Long. 114 deg. 13' 10" E.

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Switzerland and Czechoslovakia have come to an agreement on the clearing of claims and transfer of amounts due to Swiss citizens as compensation for nationalized and confiscated former Swiss property in Czechoslovakia, the Swiss Radio reported today.

The agreement was negotiated in Prague—Reuter.

British Major Plans To Sail Home In Tiny Yacht

On December 28th a seventeen-ton Bermudan type cutter—a vessel named "Yam Sen," which means "bottom's up"—will slip out of Singapore Harbour bound for the United Kingdom. It will be skippered by her owner-designer, Major J.W. Bosard, of the Royal Engineers, and manned by an amateur crew of his brother officers.

Major Bosard hopes to complete the voyage in three months—his leave after six years in the Far East.

"It may be a crazy ambition," says Major Bosard, "but to my way of thinking, crazy ambitions provide the spice of life in our modern times when the thrills of travel are a thing of the past."

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The route of the "Yam Sen" will be direct from Singapore to Ceylon, thence on to Aden, the Red Sea, Mediterranean and the Bay of Biscay.

The vessel is 50 feet long and carries 1030 square feet of sail. It is 43 feet on the deck line and 35 feet long on the waterline.

December 28th has been chosen for the sailing time as the moon will then be favourable for piloting through the dangerous Straits of Malacca—graveyard of sailing ships in the days before steam.

Chinese Millionaire In Trouble

Manila, Dec. 16.
The Bureau of Immigration Commissioners will soon investigate the case of Deo Hoo Kin, Chinese millionaire, charged with having illegally obtained a Philippine passport.

Deo allegedly filed an affidavit with the Department of Foreign Affairs showing that he was born in the Philippines.

The Immigration Bureau, however, reportedly has another affidavit showing that Deo was born in Amoy, China, in 1904.

Deo is now out on a 2,000 peso bond—United Press.

Gaoled For Trafficking In Women

Convicted of trafficking in women or girls, Cheung Sau a 23-year-old travelling woman trader of No. 14, Portland Street, second floor, was sentenced to one year imprisonment by Mr. Latimer in Kowloon Court yesterday.

For letting out 20-year-old Chen Tong-shui for hire for the purpose of prostitution, Chan Sau, a 33-year-old "kept woman," was sentenced to six months, and to one month for bringing into the colony an unregistered ward, Leung Ju-lam (12), the sentenced to run concurrently.

Wong Kwai-ching (45), alias Ngo Tze, was fined \$400 or four months' imprisonment for allowing her premises—14, Portland Street, second floor—to be used as a lodging for prostitutes. An eviction order was made.

Mr. H.W. Fraser, of the SCA, said that on Tuesday morning District Watchman 115 reported receiving information from a friend that his wife's young daughter had been brought to Hong Kong on Monday from Canton and expelled to practice prostitution at 14 Portland Street.

Fraser and a Police man raided the premises. They found six girls, who admitted being prostitutes.

They said they paid \$1.50 per customer for the use of a cubicle. The money went to the brothel mistress Wong Yui-ku, who had evaded arrest.

HAD TO GET OFF HIS BICYCLE

Sentence of nine years' imprisonment with hard labour and 12 strokes was yesterday passed by Mr. Justice T.J. Gould on Tsang Hong-chun, who pleaded guilty to armed robbery and possession of ammunition.

Mr. E.H. Sainsbury, who prosecuted said that the victim of the robbery was returning to his home in Un Long on a bicycle.

He was made to dismount, was ordered to take the robbers to his home.

On gaining admittance the robbers, two of whom were armed, used threats towards the occupant.

A sum of \$655, plus a quantity of jewellery was taken. One of the robbers was identified as one of the armed men.

BANDITS GAOLED FOR 9 YEARS

Lj Kam-tong and Tsui Wah-shing, who pleaded guilty to robbery by two or more persons, were each sentenced to nine years' imprisonment with hard labour and 12 strokes by Mr. Justice T.J. Gould at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Mr. E.H. Sainsbury said the offences took place in each case at the place known as "The Hundred Steps" in the vicinity of Tai Po Road.

European Charged With Forging Car Licenses

William Maher (Manager of Hip Shik Transportation Company, No. 28, Boy Street, Ground Floor, Kowloon) and Wong Chee-tai, Chinese, alias Wong Lo, appeared before Mr. Justice T.J. Gould yesterday.

Maher, who is defended by Mr. J. de Almeida Remedios, and Cheung Sang, who is not legally represented, are charged with forging car licenses.

(1) Obtaining \$100 from Yip Chung by falsely pretending that they were in a position to obtain a license for a car and to drive a lorry; (2) obtaining \$100 from Wong Ching for the same false pretences; (3) forging driving licenses; (4) forging car licenses; (5) forging car licenses; (6) forging car licenses; (7) forging car licenses; (8) forging car licenses; (9) forging car licenses; (10) forging car licenses.

ADMIRALTY RIGHTS ARGUED IN COURT

The Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiralty of the United Kingdom are not the Crown," submitted Mr. J. T. Prior of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist yesterday, when a case for possession of premises was heard before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Pulse Judge).

The Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiralty of the United Kingdom (plaintiffs) were represented by Mr. A.S.C. Comber of Messrs. Hastings & Company.

Mr. Prior was appearing for William Benedict, Ngai Kwong-chong, "Gauf Ebrahim Yip" Lai-nam, Laynard Joff Town, Lam Tak-kwong, Wong Sul-tam and Poon Ping-leung, (defendants).

The Premises
The premises affected 91 and 93 Lockhart Road, 2nd and 3rd floors had been requisitioned.

They were formerly let to defendants as employees of the Naval Dockyard.

The employment of the defendants had been terminated and the premises were being de-requisitioned and returned to the landlord.

Vacant possession had been promised the landlord. Mr. Comber said that the facts of the case were not in dispute.

The question was whether the plaintiffs were the Crown and exempted from the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947.

It was the contention of the plaintiffs that they were the Crown.

The Question
Mr. Comber quoted a number of authorities in support of the case for the plaintiffs and said that the tenants knew that their landlord was the Crown.

The plaintiffs were the Crown and therefore entitled to possession.

Replying, Mr. Prior referred to a number of Statutes and said that the plaintiffs must derive their title from the Statutes quoted.

Sob-Story Did Not Convince The Judge

Chan Fat, alias Kong Kai-yin, charged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, with breach of a deportation order, told Mr. Justice Gould that he returned for the purpose of exhuming the remains of his parents.

His story did not convince Mr. Justice Gould, however, and a sentence of four years' imprisonment with hard labour was passed, sentence to begin on expiry of a term of one year which he was at present serving.

Mr. E.H. Sainsbury, who prosecuted, said Chan was banished for ten years in 1939. In October last, he was banished for life.

TEEN-AGER STOLE HOUSE FIXTURES

An 18-year-old unemployed Wong Wah, yesterday found that stealing from a demolished house is considered as bad as stealing from an occupied residence.

Convicted by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistrate's Court, he was given 12 strokes and three months' hard labour for the larceny of house fixtures and six months' hard labour for breach of expulsion.

PC 110 said that at 11.40 a.m. in Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, he saw defendant with a "tin containing two window bars. They were taken from No. 29, Kent Road.

Chu Ah-fook, alias Mo Leung, alias Chu Lai, who pleaded guilty to a breach of a deportation order, was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice T.J. Gould (Pulse Judge), to four years' imprisonment with hard labour.

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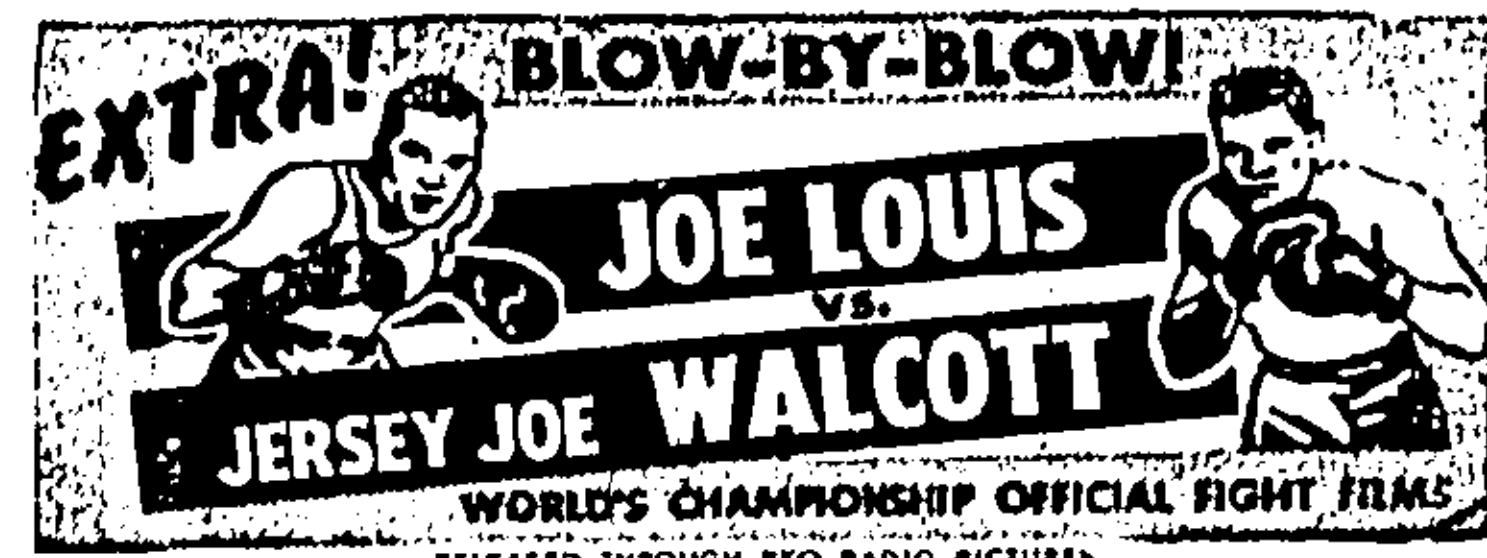
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No Atomic War "For A While Yet"

New York, Dec. 17. It is "reasonably probable" that there will not be an atomic war "for a while yet," General Andrew McNaughton, the Canadian member of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, said here today.

The United States would maintain its "ascendancy" in the field of atomic energy for at least another 10 years.

General McNaughton, addressing the Canadian Club of New York, added that it would be folly to waste time in preparing defensive measures.—Reuter.

France May Float Forced Loan

Paris, Dec. 17. A "forced loan" is reliably reported to be among the measures which the French Government approved at the Cabinet meeting today when the Ministers discussed the plan of the Finance Minister, M. Rene Mayer, to save the franc.

The policy underlying the Finance Minister's plan is that of restoring the free market in a maximum number of commodities and balancing the budget by increased taxation and big cuts in State expenditure.

Only 16 out of 1,500 commodities would in future be controlled. These would include coal, steel and wheat.

A heavy increase in taxation and sweeping cuts in Government expenditure will be necessary if the budget is to be balanced.

Late tonight, the Cabinet is holding its second meeting on the plan. It will be officially announced in a speech by the Finance Minister to the National Assembly on Friday.—Reuter.

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Communique Issued After 10-Day Talks

London, Dec. 17. Arabs will "fight against the Palestine partition—a battle started by the United Nations," a communique issued after the ten-day conference of Arab League "War Council" declared tonight.

"The world will see that it is impossible to defeat the Arabs by force, whatever that force may be. The world will see that Arabs were asking for principles of justice and equity to be upheld and that when they resisted the adventure of Zionists they were simply seeking justice among all peoples with the object of removing all causes of dissension and trouble in the Middle East in order to secure peace."

The communique laid all responsibility "for the troubles ahead, the extent of which is unknown," on "those who decided to divide Palestine without taking into consideration the consequences."

A source in Cairo in close touch with the Arab League meeting today said that the fear of Communist infiltration into the Middle East formed the background to the ten-day talks and the Council took important decisions, which "may spring a few surprises."

Though the Arab League has decided not to submit the Palestine case to the Security Council, it was believed in Cairo that a non-Arab nation on the Security Council might raise the matter, and that the United Nations might then send the case to The Hague International Court, which might find legal grounds for invalidating the partition decision.

Public Opinion

Arab leaders are understood to have received reports telling them of marked changes in public opinion in the United States in favour of Arabs and a corresponding change in the State Department's attitude was forecast.

Nuri Ed Said Pasha, veteran Iraqi statesman, who has been attending the Political Council of the Arab League in Cairo, declared:

"The Palestine partition may lead to a racial Holy War that may extend for as long a period as the Crusades."

He denied the recent press reports that he carried a plan to settle all differences between Britain and Arab nations.

An Arab military delegation has left Cairo for Europe to purchase arms for the defence of Palestine against partition, it was learned tonight.

Jerusalem Searched For Armoured "Murder" Car

Jerusalem, Dec. 17. The Palestine police were last night searching Jerusalem and the surrounding districts for a mysterious armoured car from which shots were thought to have been fired that killed one police sergeant and wounded another.

The police were not able to confirm that the shots had in fact actually been fired from the vehicle.

The two sergeants were believed to be victims of the other gang—a Jewish terrorist organisation—using an armoured car which, according to Jewish sources, was stolen from Jaffa by Arabs a week ago.

Police headquarters have denied that an armoured car is missing.

Three Jewish settlement police and one Gentile were wounded when Arabs attacked three Jewish settlements in the Negev area.

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The Arab attacks on the settlements, which are in the desert area in southern Palestine, were launched at intervals. The Halutza settlement sent out an SOS for reinforcements, according to reports from a Jewish source, who claimed that three Jewish settlement police, rushing to the Halutza settlers' aid were shot and reported to be killed.

The attack on these police-men was said to have been made by Camel Corps marksmen of United Press.

Britain And Canada To Sign New Pact

London, Dec. 17. A new Anglo-Canadian pact will be announced soon, it is expected here, following the return to London of the Treasury representative to the Anglo-Canadian food talks in Ottawa, Mr. E. W. B. Clark.

His return was interpreted by financial circles here today as meaning that the question of how Britain will pay Canada for food supplies has now been satisfactorily agreed.

This question has been the crux of the whole negotiations.—Reuter.

Increased British Coal Output

London, Dec. 17. British coal supplies for export and for bunkers at home and abroad, are to be increased from January 1 from 112,000 tons weekly to 200,000 tons weekly.

Announcing this in the House of Commons today, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, the Minister of Fuel, said that exports would be to countries participating in the conference of European economic cooperation, and to other countries subject to good return in food, raw materials or dollar savings.

Mr. Gaitskell said at the same time an additional 20,000 tons weekly would be provided for domestic consumers and also 20,000 tons to increase the stock requirements of iron and steel industry.

Emphasising that he had no desire to exaggerate the importance of these developments, Mr. Gaitskell reminded the House that exports and bunkers must be increased up to an average of 300,000 tons weekly in the coming year if Britain was to meet her commitments.—Reuter.

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LOTTERIES AND HUMBAG

Christmas comes but once a year, but when it comes it brings renewed light on the humbug of the official attitude to lotteries. We do not refer, at least not immediately, to the comments of the Hon. Mr. M.M. Watson in Council on Thursday opposing the issue of premium bonds by the Government, as a form of lottery. The point we have to make is that at this season of the year, not only in Hong Kong, but in every Colony, and in the British Isles itself, wherever people foregather for business or pleasure—offices and factories, pubs and clubs—there are Christmas draws. And that all of it is, officially, very sinful.

There are laws which circumscribe the scope of the organizers. Strictly, the police are required to give their blessing upon every raffle, draw or lottery, call it what you will—or, if not their blessing, their approval.

Broadly, we all know, the great mass of organizers omit this simple formality, and avoid the particular legal prohibitions that exist, and the smaller and homelier the raffle the greater are the chances taken with the law. It is all, officially, very sinful. It is all, to the normal sort of individual, a harmless diversion. The turkey, or the ham, or the bottle of whisky he may happen to win, he takes home with an air of triumph and achievement, rather than one of stealth in a foul deed darkly done.

It seems all so very innocent—and of course we know that normally the police have a sound enough sense of judgment to take no action even when they are aware of failure to comply with an antiquated law, built upon the prejudices of a blue-stocking age. In fact, it is more than surprising to learn that only a fortnight ago Scotland Yard took time off from pursuing murderers and gangsters, cut-throats and smash-and-grab raiders, to intervene and prevent a Christmas Draw in aid of the funds of the County of London Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

Only the Society loses by such a measure. And who gains? As far as we can see only that small and usually unctuous group who take delight in interfering in the mild pleasures of others.

The same line of approach is, naturally, not quite applicable to the premium bond issue which the Hon. M.M. Watson warns he will oppose. There is clearly a distinction between a State-controlled lottery and a Kowloon Cricket Club Christmas Draw. In the long run, however, it is a distinction without a very great weight of difference. If, in principle, there is nothing demonstrably wrong in one, it is not likely to be found in the other. It is a matter only of degree: and that logically is of minor moment.

Particularly is this so in the case of the proposed Hong Kong issue of premium bonds by the Government. An authority which not only permits the organization of tremendous sweepstakes on the local races, but takes twenty-five percent of the gross revenue, in thankful recognition of an easy source of substantial income, must find it more than difficult to discover argument against exploiting such methods of painless extraction.

There is an even clearer case in favour of premium bonds. Here there is no process of obtaining money from a subscriber who must visualize enormous "mathematical" odds against receiving any sort of return. Here, the willingly accepting a lower rate of interest upon an investment, prepared to gamble on a far richer re-

TURNING POINT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

By Wickham Steed

For better or for worse the decision of Britain's Government to make over to the United Nations the Mandate for Palestine and to withdraw its forces from the Country by August 1948 must mark the turning-point in the Middle East.

The decision means that Britain gives up after nearly thirty years the thankless task of trying to reconcile passionate longings of the Children of Israel for a Home in their Promised Land with equally passionate feelings, and the acknowledged rights of the Children of Ishmael who have lived in that Land more than nineteen centuries. The need for this reconciliation was publicized in 1919 to the Zionist gathering in London which was addressed by Jewish and Arab representatives. At that time success seemed possible. Zionist leaders, Nahum Sokolow and Chaim Weizmann were men of insight and moderation. They had negotiated with the British Foreign Secretary Mr. A. J. Balfour the terms of the Balfour Declaration of November 1917 in favour of establishment in Palestine of a Jewish National Home. The Declaration included the undertaking that Arab rights and interests would be respected and Jewish co-operation with the Arabs fostered. This seemed the more feasible because there was in those early days no organized Arab opposition to the Zionist ideal.

Iraq was not an independent kingdom, Syria was still a French Colony, Saudi Arabia appeared to hold aloof from Arab Nationalism, Egypt was absorbed in her own problems, and the rest of North Africa was controlled by Italy and France. Zionist enthusiasm

enterprises, which were presently to make desert places in Palestine blossom as the rose—and incidentally to bring unwanted wellbeing to thousands of Palestinian Arabs—seemed destined to make a dream of a Jewish National Home a triumphant reality.

I had long been interested in the Zionist movement. Theodor Herzl, its organizer, I had watched its regenerating influence upon Jewish masses in the crowded ghettos of larger Austrian and Hungarian Cities. But I had also noticed what struck me as a Jewish incapacity for moderation, and a blindness to antagonisms which imprudent Jewish behaviour might arouse among non-Jews. For these and other reasons I feared that Zionist leaders would find some difficulty in controlling their followers, and in preventing them from alarming the Arab majority, when once a considerable Zionist nucleus should have settled in Palestine.

Doubts Justified

The events proved these doubts to be justified. Despite economic advantages which Zionist immigration, influx of Jewish capital, and constructive Jewish enterprise bestowed on Palestine Arabs and Jews alike, various frictions arose between the two races. Arabs feared expropriation and ultimate eviction from their own Country, a fear accentuated by Arab Nationalist Agencies inside Palestine and not allayed by words and deeds of militant Zionist Organizations.

So marked did this friction become that the British Government appointed a special commission to enquire into it and recommend a solution. The report of this commission—known by the name of its Chairman as "The Peel Report"—recommended in 1937 the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab spheres under a British Mandate, with safeguards for minorities within each sphere, and a special regime for Jerusalem as the Holy City of Jews, Arabs and Christians alike.

Neither Zionists nor Arabs liked the Peel Report though both might have accepted the policy it proposed had that policy been firmly pursued by the Mandatory Power. Instead the report was allowed to become a dead letter; Arab hostility increased; and things went from bad to worse. At length in 1939 a British Official White paper sought to assuage the

Arab apprehensions by curtailing at once Jewish immigration into Palestine and Jewish purchases of Arab Land. Thereupon Zionist "Jewish Agency" broke off relations with British Authorities and ceased to cooperate with them. The Zionist organizations throughout the World became hostile to Britain and used their political influence—which was especially strong in the United States—as a means of putting pressure on the British Government. The world war which broke out in September 1939 overshadowed for a time the Palestine problem—only to aggravate it in the end by inspiring millions of homeless and persecuted Jews in Central and South Eastern Europe with a fierce desire to find refuge in a Jewish National Home.

Limited Scale.

Only on a limited scale could this desire be fulfilled. Arabic speaking Countries made known their determination to prevent swamping of Palestine by a Jewish immigrant flood. The British Authorities sought to dam the flood and to keep order in the land—thus earning the hatred of Jews and Arabs alike. Arabs began to arm themselves. Jewish terrorist gangs perpetrated a series of murderous outrages against British Troops and Palestinian Police. In these circumstances—Government resolved to hand over its mandate to the United Nations and to evacuate the Country by August 1st, 1948.

Another Commission of Enquiry, sent out by the United Nations reported in favour of the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, with a special regime for Jerusalem. The Zionist's accepted the principle of partition. Arabs declared they would resist it by force of arms. Britain firmly declined to impose on Palestine any solution unacceptable to Arabs or Jews. She feels that too many British lives have been sacrificed, and too much international oblique incurred, for her to persist in an onerous undertaking of an attempt to keep peace between the zealotry of Jewish terrorists and the fanaticism of the Arabs, now fanned to a white heat by an Islamic Proclamation of a "Holy War".

If the United Nations can take over and discharge this task, nowhere will so notable an achievement be more heartily welcomed and admired than among British People who have learned by sad experience its dangers.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

WHETHER a certain finesse will work or not is the crucial question whose answer points to the soundest play for some contracts. If the bidding or early play shows the vital honor to be probably in one defender's hand, then you may stake all on the finesse. If it is marked by preceding developments to be with the other defender, then you have to play differently at the decisive stage. Sometimes the opening lead locates the card for you. If the suit opened proves to be one in which the leader had nothing to develop, it is at least an indication that he may have chosen it to avoid leading from the honor in the other suit.

S A J 10
H A K 4
D A 10
C A K Q J 9
S 10 9 8 7 2
H J 10 9 6
3 2
D 6
C 10
N W E S
S Q 5 3
H Q 8 6
D K Q 7 5 2
C 6 4

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)
North East South West
4 NT Pass 7 NT
That's the briefest bidding we ever heard of a No Trump grand slam. In fact, it could never be more than one bid brief, with a dealer's 7-No Trumps and then three passes. South was plenty venturesome to accept the unusually extended invitation, in North's opening bid. By so doing he gave his partner a gingerly problem at the finish of the play.

East led the heart 7 to the A, whereupon North began to feel his way. When the club 10 fell on the first trick of that suit, he knew he had five tricks certain there. That assured 12 on the spade finesse or a

tricks, but if diamonds wouldn't break he would have to depend squeeze. To help decide which, he took in a second heart with the Q on the second trick. East's discard of the diamond 4, showing he had led a singleton, made North tentatively reckon that hearts were opened to avoid leading from spades, in which East might have the K.

Next came the remaining four clubs on which dummy put a heart, the spade Q and a diamond. Now the diamond A was scored and the heart K, on which North carefully noted that East discarded a spade. This left the dummy three diamonds and the spade 6, and North the spade A-J and diamond 10. East was marked with just one spade left and three diamonds. The diamond K and J were now taken, showing East with a diamond and a spade left. North decided the spade was the K; so raised the finesse, dropping it with the A and making the J good for the final trick.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 6 2
H A 8 7 5 4
D A 10 6
C Q 5 3
S A K Q
10 9 7 5
H 2
D 8 4 3
C 9 6
S None
H K 10 9 6 3
D 9 5 2
C A K 10 7 4

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)
After South's bids, 1-Heart, West 8-Spades, North 4-Hearts and East 4-Spades, what is South's most informative action if the pair uses the Blackwood convention?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I couldn't find a good heavy, Champ! Would you consider fightin' a couple of welterweights?"

Christmas In The Eternal City

By Aldo Forte

The joyous pealing of the many and colourful in Rome. Pope Pious XII, himself, like thousands of his Roman Catholic bishops and priests, will recite midnight Mass at the stroke of 12. The Pope will celebrate a special Low Mass for a select group of 200 persons from the Rome and Vatican City diplomatic corps in the small and beautiful Matilde Chapel on the second floor of the Apostolic Palace.

According to tradition, the Pontiff will recite a second Mass immediately after the first. He will then recite a third and last Mass in his private chapel adjoining the Papal bedroom.

Thousands always pack Rome's churches for Midnight Mass. The most favoured and most crowded are the Holy City's four basilicas—St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Mary Major and St. John. The latter church generally is the gathering place for the so-called "Romans of Rome".

After Mass the "Romans of Rome" climb the Holy Stairway on their knees, advancing slowly up the stone stairway which tradition contends is the same stairway Christ climbed to appear before Pontius Pilate.

Christmas Eve also marks an important political date in Rome for Pope Pius will receive the Sacred College of Cardinals who will present their Christmas greetings. The Pontiff then delivers his annual report to the Cardinals and to the world on the activity of the Roman Catholic Church in 1947.

The Pope's address, according to ancient tradition, will be almost entirely political. It is expected that, as he did during the past two years, Pope Pius will make direct references to the steady spreading of Communism from East to West and its approach to the City of Peter. The religious celebrations are

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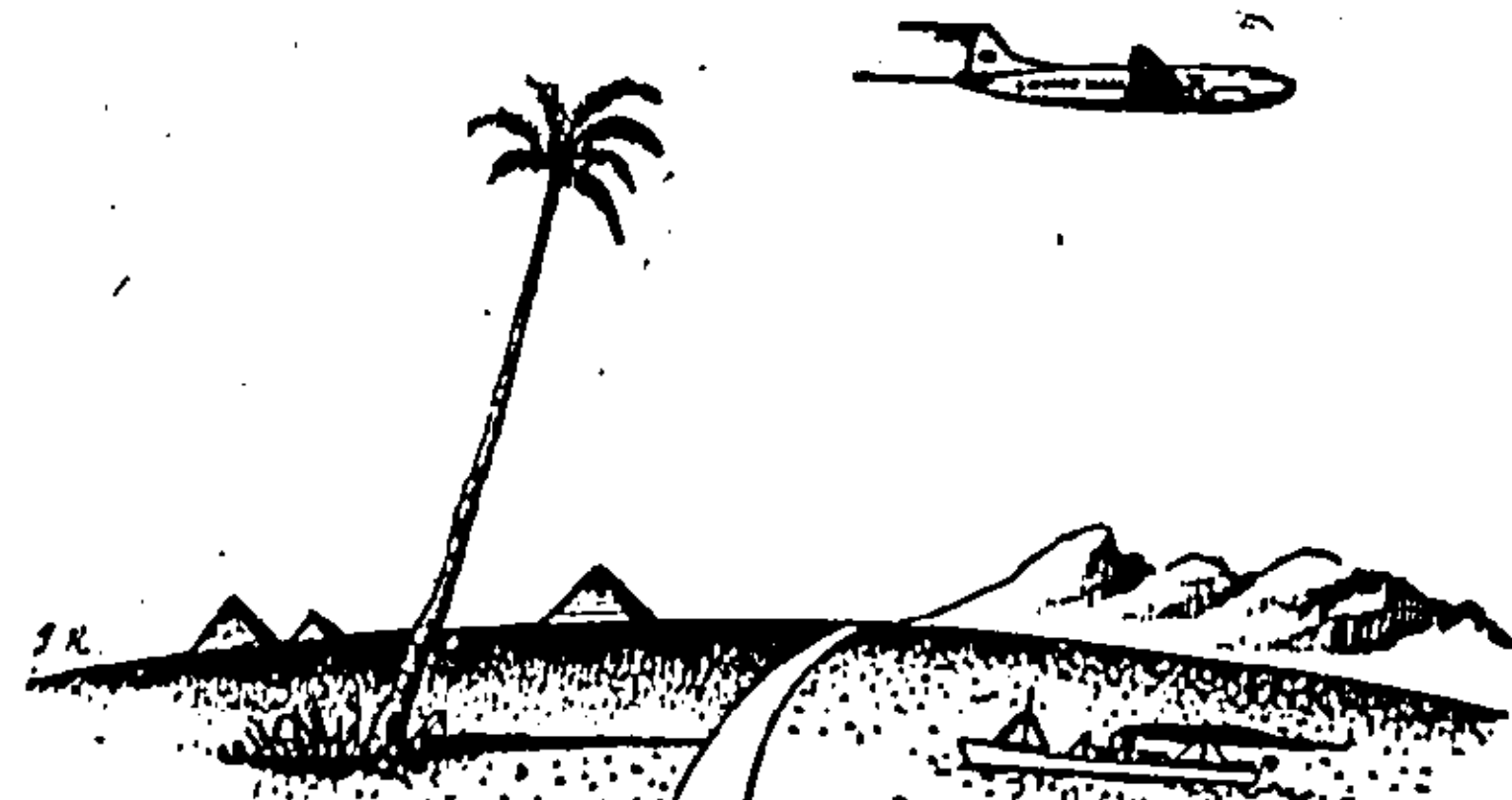
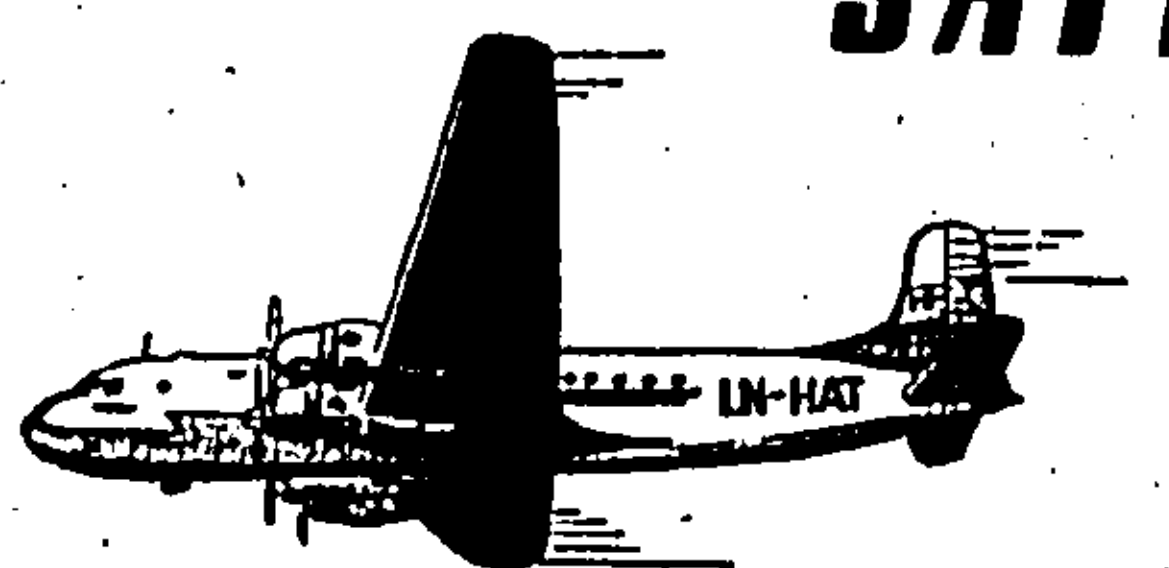
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Labour "Rebels" Demand Reduced Allowance

Xmas Begins At Buckingham Palace

London, Dec. 17. Christmas festivities began at Buckingham Palace today when the King and Queen spent an hour listening to carols sung by the choir of the Chapel Royal, Saint James.

The King handed autographed bibles to the choir boys. The Royal servants had a Christmas dinner with roast turkey and champagne at Elton tonight and held their annual staff dance which the King and Queen together with Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh attended.—Reuter.

S'hai Money Exchange Shops Shut

Shanghai, Dec. 18. The newly established Finance Control Bureau of the Ministry of Finance here has cancelled the registration of money exchange shops and ordered all local money exchange shops to close down. This new measure is expected to be promulgated as law in the next few days and the City Government will be asked to assist in the enforcement of order. It is said that a total of 195 exchange shops will be affected. It has been pointed out that since the Government ban on transactions in gold and foreign currencies, these money changers have no justification for continuing existence as the legal business of these shops was the exchange of foreign monies.—Reuter.

EGYPT MAKES HER OWN RULES BEFORE PLAYING

Cairo, Dec. 17. Egypt is willing to "play ball" with Britain and the Western Democracies against Russia providing the British first get their troops out of Egypt. That is the opinion of some of the best informed political circles in Cairo today.

The British, on the other hand, have so far insisted that first a treaty between the two countries must be signed, and only then would they get their troops out of the Suez Canal zone. This treaty would insure, among other things, that in the event of the Middle East being threatened by war, the British would be able to use bases in Egypt. It would also provide for a joint Anglo-Egyptian defence board, to act in an advisory capacity.

Viewpoint

These conditions, obviously dictated by fear of possible Russian expansion in the Middle East, are considered by the British as a necessary preliminary to evacuation. The Egyptians, however, stick to their guns and say that in the eyes of the nation and of the world any treaty signed while British troops are on Egyptian soil could not be considered an agreement freely negotiated by two equal, sovereign powers.

"Get out first and we'll talk later," say the Egyptians. Egyptian political circles point out that they consider Britain's attitude short-sighted.

Two leading members of the Egyptian Parliament, who prefer to remain anonymous, told the United Press:—

"The British should handle this matter with more understanding of the Egyptian mentality. As a young nation whose independence is only a few decades old, we are extremely sensitive. The people are convinced that any treaty signed while British troops are in the country is not a freely negotiated instrument.

"British insistence on the treaty, and in particular on the question of Middle East defence, is dictated by fear of Russia. Are the British afraid that if they withdraw their troops we would not sign an agreement insuring the defence of the area against Russian invasion and of cooperation with the British?

"This fear is ridiculous. Our whole economic, political and social setup is opposed to Communism. We would certainly place ourselves wholeheartedly on the side of the democracies—and of our own free will. But we don't want anything imposed on us.

Amendment Beaten By 345 To 33

London, Dec. 17.

Labour Party "rebels" forced a vote in the House of Commons tonight against the Government proposals to pay £40,000 annually to Princess Elizabeth and £10,000 annually to her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, to carry out their Royal duties.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, intervened in the lively debate to appeal for support. The rebels refused to give way and insisted on a vote on their amendments to pay the Royal couple £10,000 annually for personal expenditure, with the provision for expenditure on their Royal duties to be paid as necessary by the Treasury.

They were defeated by 345 votes to 33. Grants to the monarchies of Sweden, Norway and Denmark were together considerably less than the grant to the British Monarchy, the Labour Member, Mr. Emrys Hughes, asserted. He was moving an amendment to the Government's motion, Mr. Hughes wanted Princess Elizabeth's allowance to remain at £15,000, as now.

In Sweden

He said the direct grant to the Royal Court in Sweden, including stipends for the King's brothers and the Crown Prince, amounted to £93,000 and for the maintenance of royal palaces £70,000. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, referring to the comparison with Sweden said that if one took cost per head in Britain the figures would show the British were in fact more economical, especially bearing in mind the Royal links with the Empire.

Mr. Hughes' amendment was defeated and the Government's motion carried. Emphasizing the "comparative smallness" of the sums now provided compared with earlier days, Sir Stafford said that formerly the Heir to the Throne received between £80,000 to £100,000 a year free of tax from the Duchy of Cornwall.

Cheers

There were cheers from the Conservative benches when the Chancellor of the Exchequer went on to declare that the Royal couple had many important functions to perform, not only as representatives of Britain, but also as representatives of the whole British Commonwealth of Nations. Declaring that all the members of the special committee had agreed that adequate provision must be made for those called upon to occupy a position of great national importance, Sir Stafford said that the difference of opinion every now and then emerged when it came to consider the exact financial provision which would be needed.

"Detailed evidence was given to the Committee," Sir Stafford continued, "of the probable cost of household expenses, staff, transport and all those items of expenditure imposed by the functions that would have to be carried out."

"All that, together with a reasonable personal provision of £5,000 for personal expenses, amounted, according to the evidence, to £20,000 a year for the Princess, or £35,000 in addition to the £15,000 which she already receives."

Sir Stafford said that all the members of the special committee recognised that economies were necessary in the present circumstances. They were anxious to reach unanimity and, finally, the difference of what economies could be made.

Phillip's Position

Turning to the Duke of Edinburgh, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that £10,000 was the same as that customary for the younger sons of the King.

"This is a matter of upholding the dignity of the Crown and national prestige and not one which we should cavil at the grant of a few thousands."

The Chancellor announced: "I am satisfied that there is no very large margin for further economy if the Royal couple are to fulfil their unique task. I am convinced the estimates have been drawn up economically."

Sir Stafford announced that the Government would propose that only £4,000 of Princess Elizabeth's allowance should be subject to income tax and £2,000 of the Duke of Edinburgh's.

To relieve public funds of additional burden, King George VI was prepared to contribute £100,000, the equivalent of four years of the additional allowances. This was half the sum King George had saved and invested in Government securities as a result of his own expenditures. The King had already surrendered interest on this money amounting to £20,000.—Reuter.

"Treated As Prisoners," Protest 4 CLARA Men

Tientsin, Dec. 18. Four leading members of the CLARA group here awaiting exchange with UNRRA personnel, were jointly interviewed by Reuter and said: "We were virtually treated as prisoners rather than diplomatic representatives, with military inspection and supervision imposed not only on personnel but also on the work between UNRRA and CLARA."

"Therefore, we have strongly protested to Mr. Harlan Cleveland, (head of UNRRA's China office in Shanghai) requesting:—

"1. The non-confiscation or detention of documents be allowed; we insist on bringing back all belongings.

"2. Such goods which were consigned to UNRRA, totaling 225.5 pounds should be recovered by UNRRA and shipped to Tientsin as soon as possible.

"3. The immediate withdrawal of military surveillance and the restoration of freedom.

"Unless the above points are reasonably solved, we refuse to return, willing to our purpose. If we are compelled to return before the above problems are reasonably solved, we shall hold UNRRA responsible for any eventualities."

U.S. Uniforms For Army In Turkey

London, Dec. 17.

The re-equipment of the Turkish army with new American uniforms will be completed before the end of next March, Ankara Radio said tonight quoting official sources.

Giving details of American aid to Turkey, the Radio added that three shiploads, including construction materials, had already arrived in Turkish ports and two more were on the way.—Reuter.

Bulgarian Army 'Disquieting'

London, Dec. 17.

The present size of the Bulgarian Army is "disquieting," Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, stated in Parliament today.

According to British estimates, he said, the present military units in the Bulgarian Army include 76,000 men, with 10,000 frontier guards. The militia numbered up to 100,000 men.

Mr. Bevin, who was answering a Parliamentary question, said that the peace treaty limited Bulgaria's army to 55,000 men. The Bulgarian Government had been asked for details of the present strength but we had not been furnished them.—Reuter.

Red Story From Shansi

New York, Dec. 17.

The Communist "Daily Worker" columnist Barnard Rubin today charged Japanese troops are bullying and preying on Chinese in Shansi.

He wrote that, despite announcements by the State Department aid "top brass" that all Japanese troops had been repatriated from China, 1,000 soldiers and officers of the Imperial Army of Japan are strutting about in full uniform and armed to the teeth, bullying and preying on the Chinese people.

This is taking place in Shansi province, he alleged. He said these Japanese soldiers and officers eat better food than Kuomintang troops of the same grade and are even given extra rations to share with prostitutes supplied them by Kuomintang officials.

They are also said to carry American arms.—United Press.

LORD BALDWIN CREMATED

Birmingham, Dec. 17.

After a simple cremation service here today, the ashes of Lord Baldwin of Bevedley, former Prime Minister, were placed in a casket containing the ashes of his wife.

The cremation coincided with the service in the village church near Stourport, Worcester-shire, where he sang in the choir as a boy.

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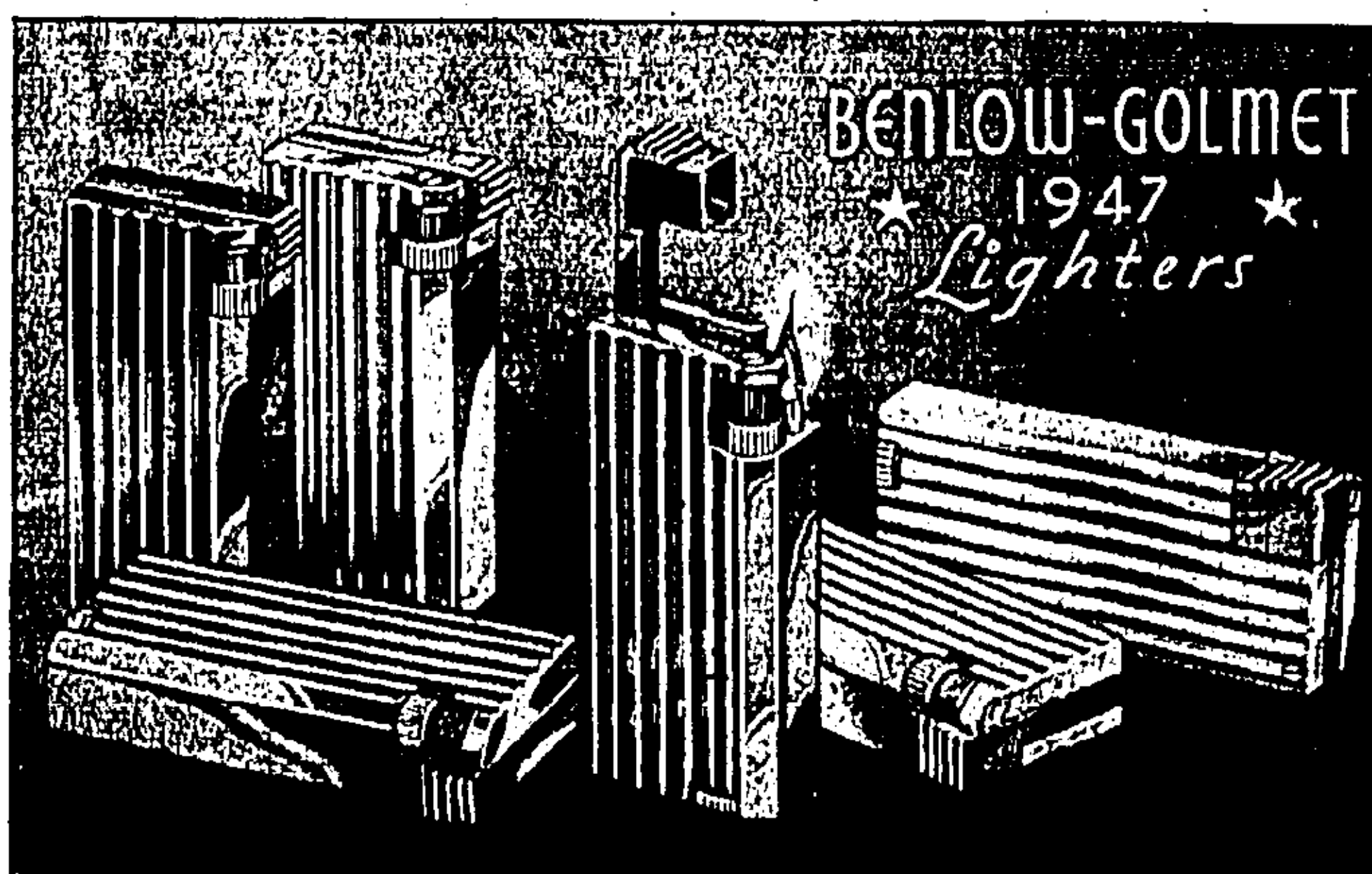
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Washington, Dec. 17. The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Willard Thorpe, today outlined for the Senate Appropriations Committee the State Department's tentative programme for interim aid to China in the event that the US\$60,000,000 authorized in the relief bill is appropriated for immediate use.

Mr. Thorpe said the money probably would be used, as follows: Similar allocations of rice and cereals as were made under the old relief bill, approximately US\$24,000,000; For petroleum and petroleum products, 3,800,000 barrels at approximately US\$18,000,000; The balance of the programme either in additional rice or in cotton.

This was the first indication by the State Department that it would have the China programme ready if funds were authorized.

Questioned as to whether the Department contemplated any assistance in the way of military supplies or ammunition, Mr. Thorpe replied that neither in the post-UNRRA relief bill nor in the new relief act was there provision for providing armaments. The aim would be accomplished to the extent to which pressure was taken off China in foreign trade for other commodities, thus making assets available for the purchase of arms and military supplies.

He said the removal ban on export licences indicated that the State Department would make no move in future to prevent such purchases.

The Assistant Secretary outlined a possible programme for China at the request of the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Styles Bridges.

Mr. Thorpe told the Committee that the US\$28,000,000 programme authorized under the post-UNRRA relief bill was not yet completed but that the State Department hoped to get the last shipments on their way to China by January. He said some of the cereal allocation had already been shipped and that the first shipment of rice was "about ready to leave."

Senator Bridges asked Mr. Thorpe whether there was "any infiltration of Chinese Communists in the American Embassy in China?" Mr. Thorpe replied that he knew of none.

Senator Bridges asked whether there was any prejudice in the Embassy against the Central Government. Mr. Thorpe replied that he knew of no prejudice, although some em-

ployees had "personal convictions."

"Practical"

Mr. Thorpe said there was "general belief in China that the Chinese Communists were obtaining their arms and ammunition from Russia but that he could not say for a fact that it was so." He said, in answer to a question, that it was a "common assumption hitherto unchallenged authoritatively."

The Assistant Secretary told the Committee the State Department would "welcome the opportunity to give further assistance to China" and believed it was "thoroughly practical to work out a programme for the first quarter of next year, over and above commitments under the post-UNRRA bill."

Mr. Bullitt

Earlier in Committee hearings, the chairman of the Board of Directors of the American China Policy Association (Mr. Alfred Kohlberg) told the Committee his group urged the following recommendations:

1. Appropriation of the "modest sum provided in the interim aid bill for its direct value and also because of its value to the Chinese morale after almost two years of surplus arms and ammunitions."

2. Further arms, ammunition and training "as seems advisable."

3. "Immediate discharge of all State Department personnel whose sympathies lean toward the Chinese Communists or who have had any responsibility for present stultification of American policy in the Far East."

Earlier in the day, Lt.-Gen. Albert Wedemeyer had praised Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek but refused to make public his long-suppressed report.

The former Ambassador to Russia, Mr. William Bullitt, told the Committee aid to China should be immediate, even at the expense of France, Italy and Austria.

Mr. Bullitt said: "It is of first importance that US\$60,000,000 be appropriated immediately. It is more vital to get US\$60,000,000 to China than it is to get the full amount of proposed aid to France, Italy and Austria."

Mr. Bullitt charged that the State Department could have given a prepared Chinese aid programme but refrained "because it thought the Chinese Communists were agrarian reformers who had no connection with Moscow and that Soviet Russia was a peace-loving democracy." He said there were still a "few people who are attached to that theory."

The former Ambassador said, however, that he did not advocate reducing appropriations for interim aid to Europe.

"We must back Austria to the limit since the sum we are allotting Austria is so small that it can't be reduced. It is also essential that we back up France and Italy."

He spoke before the House took action on the foreign aid bill, making no provision for China. Mr. Bullitt also said:

"While the Soviet Government is arming or enemies, we refuse to let anything go forward to our friends."

"Open Secret"

He said it was an "open secret" in Washington and Nanking that Dr. Leighton Stuart (U.S. Ambassador to China) repeatedly sent cablegrams to the State Department urging aid for the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Dr. Stuart's plans, according to Mr. Bullitt, were that "unless China receives immediate aid, China will be lost to Communism."

"In many cases," Dr. Stuart did not "even receive the courtesy of a reply" to messages he sent, urging immediate aid to China, Mr. Bullitt said. Mr. Bullitt said that Mr. Walter D. Dill (chief of the State Department Far Eastern Division) said the year's ban on ship-

Tobacco For Germany

Washington, Dec. 17. Senator William Unstead (Democrat of North Carolina) proposed today that the United States send 100,000,000 lb. of tobacco to Germany "as a good investment."

This amount would assure the German tobacco industry of continued operations for at least 12 months.—Reuter.

ments of ammunition to China (from May 1946 to May 1947) was imposed at the request of General George Marshall, who was then trying to negotiate peace in China's civil war.

Mr. Butterworth said 130,000,000 rounds of rifle ammunition had been supplied to China since last May and the Chinese Government contracted with American concerns for additional quantities.

Mr. Bullitt suggested that General MacArthur be ordered to proceed to Nanking to confer with Generalissimo Chiang on measures for preserving the Chinese Government.

"Since the problem is essentially military we should send the ablest general we have."

He suggested that if it was impossible to entrust Chinese relations to Gen. MacArthur, then they should send General Mark Clark, "who had a great deal of experience dealing with the Soviets in Austria."

Japanese Arms

There were no Chinese Communists in Manchuria before V-J Day, Mr. Bullitt continued, charging that "the Russians brought in 200,000 to 250,000 Communists and armed them with Japanese arms."

"They exported US\$2,000,000,000 worth of machinery, a large part for the manufacture of arms," he added. "They are using this machinery now for that purpose."

The Committee chairman, Senator Bridges, declared: "If a member of the State Department cannot come before Congress and tell the truth, he should get out of the Government."

Senator Bridges apparently referred to Mr. Butterworth, who testified before Gen. Wedemeyer. Committee members tried to draw from Mr. Butterworth an opinion on whether Russia was actively aiding the Chinese Communists and Mr. Butterworth said: "It would appear that the Communists have the acquiescence of Russia, but would go no further."

Rep. Walter Judd, who also testified, said Mr. Butterworth could not give his opinion more freely because he was in a "more vulnerable" position than members of Congress. Rep. Judd, author of the House amendment writing funds for China into the interim aid bill, said the money for European countries "will be going down a rat hole unless you also help China."—United Press.

Interim Aid Bill Signed

Washington, Dec. 17. President Truman signed the interim aid bill today and \$150,000,000 became automatically available for immediate relief to France, Italy and Austria.

President Truman signed the bill without any ceremony. It was announced at the same time that he had tentatively decided to send his Marshall plan message to Congress on Friday.

It was understood that this may be put off again if Congress, due to go into recess on that day, decides that it is unable to finish the work in time and had to continue until next week.

Even before President Truman had signed the stop-gap aid bill, emergency shipments of American coal and grain were moving towards France as a first dividend of this measure.

State Department officials disclosed that cargoes of American supplies to be paid for with United States funds left east coast ports within the past few days in anticipation of President Truman's action.—Reuter.

Shift In Soviet Policy

Washington, Dec. 18. Government intelligence experts today reported a shift in Russian propaganda to play up the Soviet Union as the protector of both Jews and Arabs against American and British "Imperialism."

These experts analysed the trend as an effort by the Russians to lay the groundwork for a foothold in Palestine which will be used as a Communist springboard for infiltration into the oil rich Middle East.

Russian propagandists were said to have ignored or played down the United Nations decision on Palestine's partition until about a week ago. Then Moscow Radio and the Communist press began a campaign apparently directed at making future political capital out of the move.

The Reason

Official intelligence studies made available said the Russians in the last few days have emphasised that the Soviet Union "has no material or other interests in Palestine whatsoever" and declared the Soviet Union "defends the rights of both Arabs and Jews" and asserted "there is no guarantee that the Anglo-American imperialist circles will carry out the United Nations decision in good faith."

Diplomatic officials said the Russian interest in the Middle East was far from academic.

Russia's known oil reserves are estimated at about 6,000,000,000 barrels compared with an estimated untapped reserve in the Middle East of nearly 30,000,000,000 barrels, mainly held by American and British interests.—United Press.

U.S. DISTILLERS ASK FOR MORE GRAIN

Washington, Dec. 17. The American distilling industry today rejected a Government proposal to limit grain consumption to 2,500,000 bushels monthly and approved instead a top monthly use of 3,500,000 bushels.

The plan adopted was presented by the former Secretary of War, Mr. Robert Patterson, on behalf of the Distilled Spirits Institute.

The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Clinton Anderson, promptly accused the industry majority of seeking more grain than it needs and said:

"If the distillers do not adopt a programme that will save grain, then I am going to recommend to Congress this afternoon that it do something about it."

The distillers' vote showed 10 operators favouring the Government plan and 39 against.—Reuter.



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CHINA LIGHT REPORT Substantial Profit Last Year Reductions In Charges

A reduction in light and power charges in Kowloon was announced by the chairman at the annual general meeting of shareholders of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., on Wednesday. Owing to extreme pressure on space, the chairman's speech had to be held out until today. Mr. A. Raymond said in part:

"Since our last meeting on April 12th last year, I am happy to be able to inform you that steady progress has been made towards rehabilitating the company's undertaking, resulting in improved service to our consumers."

"Our 12,500 K.W. High Pressure Turbine came into operation towards the end of July and is contributing materially to the company's earnings. A further 20,000 K.W. High Pressure Turbine is in course of erection, and is expected to be ready for load by the middle of April next year. Shareholders will remember this machine replaced the set ordered in 1940, which, due to the war, was diverted to Russia."

"We are awaiting the arrival of the remaining portions of the 200,000 lb. International Combustion boiler unit ordered before the war. Incidentally, this new unit is being equipped for oil firing."

"Thanks to the valuable assistance of the S. T. & L., the flow of coal to the company's bins has allowed us to keep a sufficient stock to meet our anticipated needs. The quality of the coal, however, is very poor as compared with 1944 shipments, and the price still remains extremely high. For your information, in 1944 our average cost of coal was approximately \$32 per ton. The average figure for 1947 is approximately \$97 per ton, or some 201 per cent in excess of pre-war."

"With a view to reducing costs, experiments in oil-firing were carried out on certain of our boiler plants. Experiments which succeeded beyond our expectations. The company was fortunate in securing some used equipment locally and all praise is due to our technical staff in the generating station for their resourcefulness and untiring effort in adopting it to our use."

"Turning to the distribution of current, considerable rehabilitation of overhead mains has been effected. This was a costly item and had to be done owing to the damage by looters during the Occupation. At the same time several thousands of meter boards have been replaced and the service connections completely overhauled."

"During the year under review, Beacon Hill Sub-station and the 22 K.V. Lattice Tower Line to Tower 26 were completely dismantled and the equipment returned to Stores. This was necessitated by the fact that looters were removing the transmission line faster than our Engineering Staff could replace it, even though the line was fully energized at 22,000 volts. This was a most dangerous operation on the part of the deprecators and it is surprising that it did not cause more fatalities. All supplies to the New Territories are now routed via our Lei-chok sub-station on the tubular steel pole transmission line erected by our own staff late in 1941."

"Considerable progress has been made rehabilitating street lighting, and it is estimated that 90 per cent of the pre-war lighting has been re-connected."

"In the Meter Section the Staff have been kept extremely busy endeavouring to minimize the loss of current, tampering with meters, and troubles of this nature. Due to these efforts losses have been substantially reduced."

"The Test Meter Staff have also had a very busy year as they have been rehabilitating many thousands of old meters which ordinarily would have been scrapped, but which, at present, are valuable due to the very poor delivery offered by manufacturers of this type of equipment."

"Factors contributing to the profit this year are: (a) The greatly increased industrial and lighting demand. (b) The tightening up on the thefts of current that had been rampant since the liberation. A year ago we were losing about 11 per cent of electricity through this source. (c) The saving that has resulted from conversion of part of our boiler plant to operate on oil fuel, and (d) The reduced cost of generation resulting from the operation of our 12,500 K.W. High Pressure Turbine."

"On the question of this company's consumer charges, your Directors have been ever mindful of their obligations towards the public, and in this connection I would like to draw your attention to the progressive policy which has been followed."

Reductions

"On 12th April a first reduction in rates which came into force as from May 1st 1947. Between this date and September, that is in a space of four months—we have been able to effect three reductions resulting in a net difference as follows—

"From 71.28 cents to 44 cents per unit of lighting.
"From 27.72 cents to 19 cents per unit of power.
"Also an appropriate reduction in bulk rate contracts and in the New Territories."

"It is now my great pleasure to be able to announce the following further reduction which will come into force as from 1st January 1948—

"Lighting from 44 cents to 30 cents per unit. Power from 19 cents

to 18 cents per unit. Reductions will also be allowed on bulk rate contracts, and rates for lighting and power now ruling in the New Territories."

"The progress in the rehabilitation of the industries in Kowloon and the New Territories is very gratifying. During the 12 months under review, 433 factories were connected to the Company's mains, amongst which are—10 Electric Bulb Factories, 10 Button Factories, 12 Dyeing Factories, 12 Electro-plating Factories, 50 Engineering Factories, 18 Flour Mills, 14 Glass Factories, 18 Iron Foundries, 110 Knitting Factories, 13 Metal Ware Factories, 16 Printing Factories, 20 Rice Mills, 21 Rubber Factories, 7 Shipyards, 45 Timber Yards, 40 Weaving Factories, and 10 Woodwork Factories. Finally four new cotton spinning factories are in course of erection."

"Though the load is still below pre-war level, the advent of new industries indicates a prospective demand which should be provided for."

The Future

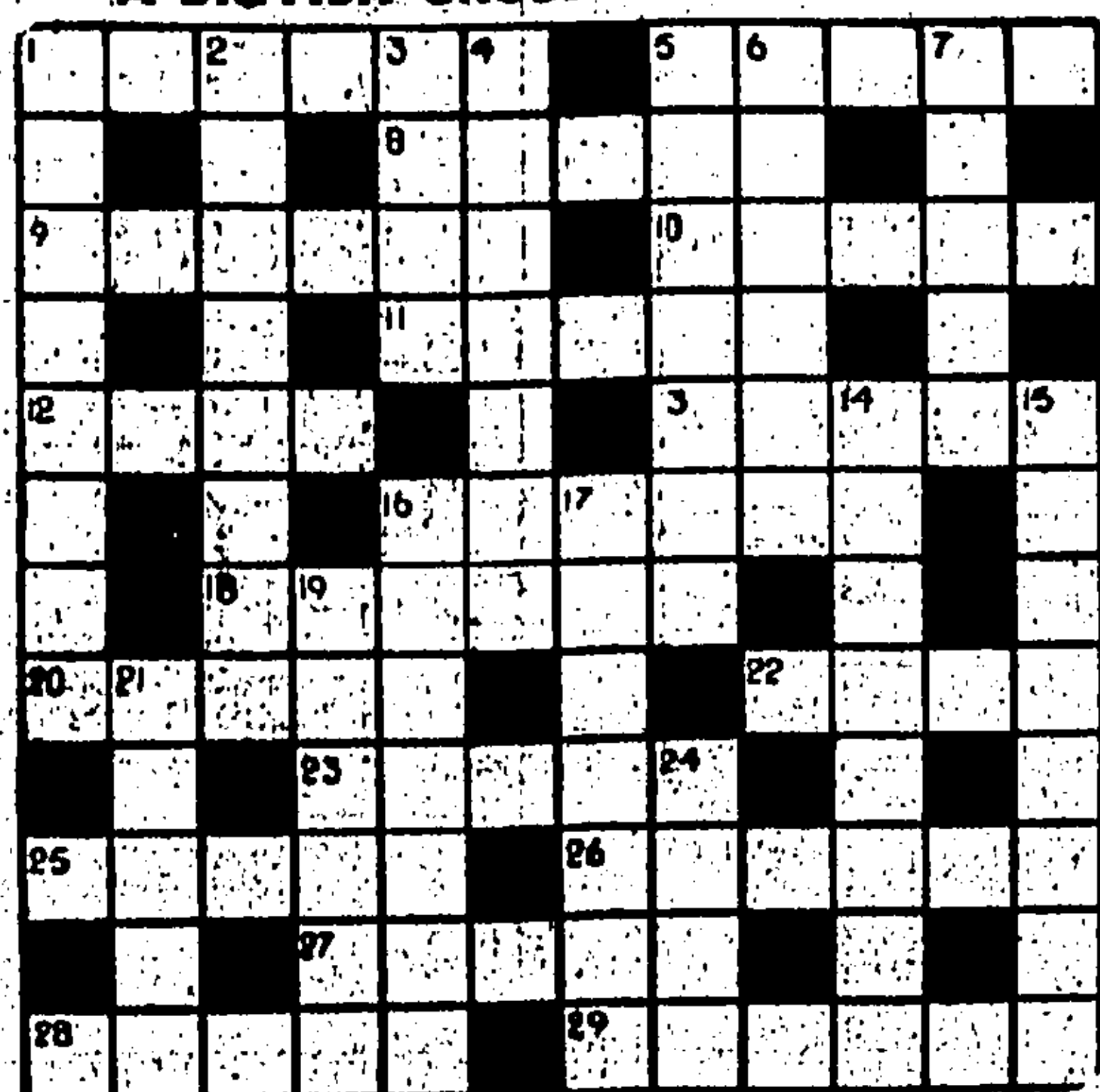
"Looking to the future, it seems clear to your Board that the Company must, as has been its practice hitherto, plan ahead. With this in view, they are negotiating with suppliers for the purchase of yet another 20,000 K.W. turbine set. The delivery date indicated in the second half of 1952, by which time it is estimated the set will be needed."

"I am sure you expect me to say something about the Call of \$2 on the partly-paid shares, the due date of payment for which was January 6th 1942. Owing to the war and the subsequent prevailing Moratorium, the matter must still remain in suspense. Your Directors, after due consideration, have decided to accept this Call of \$2 per share upon the lifting of the Moratorium. Adequate notice will, of course, be given to those concerned."

"The other item that needs explanation is the reserve for insurance. We have in mind the creation of a fund for the purpose of covering the cost of the company's own fire insurance, and the allocation of \$206,944 to this reserve, together with the existing (typical) reserve, makes a total of three lakhs of dollars. This is the first step in the policy of making available a fund which could be set off against contingencies. This sum has since been invested on account of this fund."

"Whilst on this subject, I want to inform shareholders that we have, since the re-occupation, discontinued covering insurance against earthquake and earthquake fire risks. By so doing, turning to the profit and loss appropriation account, I should like to stress that the last pre-war ordinary general meeting was advertised to be held on December 21st 1941. The principal accounts had been calculated which showed an undistributed profit of \$1,134,463.10. The bulk of this sum was earmarked for payment of dividends, but owing to the outbreak of hostilities, the meeting had to be cancelled and of course this whole sum and additional earnings of some two lakhs of dollars from October 1st to December 8th 1941 were absorbed by the huge losses consequent upon the war. This

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- 10 East away.
- 11 Fops.
- 12 Staged instrument.
- 13 Feel.
- 14 Rise.
- 15 Road.
- 16 Weight.
- 17 Common.
- 18 Callings.

Yesterday's Crossword

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Hire Purchase Controls

Washington, Dec. 17. The United States Senate today passed by a voice vote and sent to the House of Representatives legislation to restore the controls on hire-purchase buying until March 15.

The re-establishment of these controls, which expired on October 31, was one of the steps President Truman urged in his 10-point anti-inflation programme.—Reuter.

is therefore the first time in seven years that the company has been able to give a return to its shareholders. Your Directors have taken this point into careful consideration when recommending the present dividend.

Commitments

"Now as regards commitments, you will notice from the foot-note to the Balance Sheet that a sum of £193,000 is due for payment in the near future. This sum is made up as follows—No. 11 Boiler £112,000, No. 12 Boiler £57,000, Distribution Plant £2,000, Cables 24,350, Station Plant 9,600, Sundry Stores & Materials 11,250. Total £193,000."

"In addition, on a survey of the Company's requirements over a period covering the next five years, there are known commitments amounting to £250,000. This includes the cost of the new turbine, Distribution Department replacements, a new 'Stores' to replace the pre-war building which was demolished during the war, etc."

"You will notice that the balance of loss carried forward on September 30th 1946, was \$756,947. After taking into consideration the credit balance of the profit and loss account amounting to \$4,122,978, and making due allowance for the appropriation of \$923,604 in respect of the interim dividend of 35 cents per share on July 31st 1947, there is a balance available for distribution amounting to \$2,442,427."

"I now take pleasure in proposing the sanctioning of the Interim Dividend of 35 cents per share and also that the balance available be dealt with in the following manner: To pay a final dividend of \$1 per share on fully-paid shares, and a proportionate amount on partly-paid shares, less tax deductible under the Inland Revenue Ordinance of 1947, of approximately \$27,000. To carry forward to next year's Account approximately \$2,415,427. Total \$2,442,427."

This proposal was seconded by Mr. A.R. Brown and was carried. The President proposed that the Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ended September 30th 1947, be adopted, was seconded by Mr. Peter H. Sin and carried.

Mr. L. Kadoorie and Mr. H.D. Benham were re-elected as directors for the ensuing year. Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected as auditors. Those present at the meeting were: Messrs. A. Raymond, L. Kadoorie, H.K. Lo, H.D. Benham, H. Kadoorie (Director), F.C. Clemo (Manager), P.W.A. Wood (Secretary) and C.F. Wood (Deputy Manager). Shareholders present were Messrs: H. Kaufholz, A.R. Brown, Lau Hoi-loy, Lau King, C. Wong, Yeung Tien-ke, P.H. Sin, E. Grant Smith, B. Abraham, E.S. Abraham, P.A. Waller, Lo Kin-fai, Mok Ying-ki, P. Leung, P.M.M. Li, Silva, F.R. Zimmern, M.B. Gutierrez and J.A. de Alvaros.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel Pedder Street Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday the 31st day of December 1947 for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution.

"That the authorised capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$1,500,000.00 divided into 150,000 shares of \$10.00 each (of which the whole have been issued) to \$6,000,000.00 by the creation of 450,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each and that such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in the absolute discretion shall think fit."

NOTICE is also given that if the above Resolution is duly passed it is the intention of the Directors not to transfer any Shares of the Company for a period of two weeks from the 15th day of January 1948 to the 28th day of January 1948 both dates inclusive. The Directors will offer to the persons appearing on the 14th January 1948 in the Register containing particulars of shareholders and of persons who in the opinion of the Company would be on that date entitled to be entered in the Register of members (when re-constructed) as Shareholders one hundred and fifty thousand shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10.00 each created in accordance with the above Resolution all at a premium of \$10.00 per share and on the footing that the full nominal value of each share taken up plus the premium (making together \$20.00 per share) shall be paid in full on acceptance of the offer and in any case not later than the 30th April 1948 and so that each such person as aforesaid or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up one new share for every one issued share which according to such register as aforesaid is held by each such person on the 14th January 1948. The shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of May 1948.

The Director will dispose of any share offered as aforesaid in the event of non-acceptance by payment thereof by such persons as aforesaid or their approved nominees on or before the 30th day of April 1948 as such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide.

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but whose names do not appear in such register as aforesaid in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates on or before the 14th day of January 1948.

The offer will be made by Notice sent by Post to each such person as aforesaid specifying the number of shares to which each such person is entitled and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such person or his nominee on or before the 30th day of April 1948, will be deemed to be declined.

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"STRATHNAVER"	Kobe	27th Dec.
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	9th Jan.
"TREVVOSE"	U.K. via Straits	13th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	U.K. via Straits	25th Jan.
"TREVVOSE"	U.K. via Straits	13th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"BOCOTRA"	Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) via Straits & Colombo	19th Dec.
"RUBY STONE"	Bombay via Straits	20th Dec.
"TREVVOSE"	Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) via Straits & Colombo	24th Dec.
"STRATHNAVER"	Shanghai	24th Dec.
"LANCAIRE"	Shanghai	27th Dec.
"ORMARA"	Colombo	29th Dec.
"TREVVOSE"	Bombay via Straits	11th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Shanghai	16th Jan.
"TREVVOSE"	Shanghai	20th Jan.
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m.v. "KYSKA"	Due 8th January

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"TJIBADAK" Due from In Port Sailing for
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Java ports
21st December

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24th Dec. Batavia, Semarang,
Macassar &
Soerabaya
5th Jan.

ORIENT-JAVA-AFRICA LINE SOUTH-ATLANTIC LINE

"STRAAT MALAKKA" Due from In Port Loading for
Manila, Singapore,
Mauritius,
Marques, Baira,
Durban, East London,
Port Elizabeth,
Mosselbay, Capetown,
Buenos Aires, Monte-
video, Santos, Rio
de Janeiro,
26th Dec.

Transshipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for
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"STRAAT SOENDA" South America, Sailing for
South Africa
23rd Jan. 1948. 8th Feb. 1948.

DELI-STRAITS-CHINA LINE

"VAN HEUTSZ" Due from Sailing for
Swatow & Amoy
23rd Dec. Singapore, Penang
& Belawan Deli
24th Dec.

"HEINRICH JESSEN" Belawan, Deli Sailing for
Penang, Singapore
21st Dec. Swatow & Amoy
9th Jan. 1948.

Agents HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE
Due from Sailing for
Japan & Singapore
22nd Dec. Manila/Singapore/
Colombo/Fort Said/
Alexandria/
Genoa/Marseilles/
Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam/Hamburg/
Copenhagen/Göteborg/
Oslo, beginning of
22nd Dec.

"LEOPOLDSKERK" Due from Sailing for
Europe, first week of Jan. 1948.
Manila/Singapore/
Colombo/Fort Said/
Alexandria/
Genoa/Marseilles/
Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam/Hamburg/
Copenhagen/Göteborg/
Oslo, beginning of
22nd Dec.

"MOLENKERK" Due from Sailing for
Europe on or about 16th Jan.
Manila/Singapore/
Colombo/Fort Said/
Alexandria/
Genoa/Marseilles/
Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam/Hamburg/
Copenhagen/Göteborg/
Oslo, beginning of
22nd Dec.

"ALPHIERAT" In Port Loading for
Manila/Singapore/
Colombo/Fort Said/
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Los Angeles	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"

Route	Date	Vessel
Pacific Coast	27th Dec.	m.v. "MANGALORE"
Atlantic Coast	Early Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
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REPORT ON T.U.C. CRISIS

Unanimously Agreed In London

LONDON, Dec. 17.
The General Council of the 8,000,000-strong Trades Union Congress today unanimously accepted its "crisis" committee's economic report, which is understood to urge a nationwide campaign by organised trade unionists to bring down prices and check profiteering.

Its contents were not disclosed but the report will be issued to all affiliated unions early in the new year.

The report was prepared by the special committee after extensive enquiries into the development of Britain's wages, prices and taxes under the inflationary pressure created by the austerity shortages and after repeated consultations with Government departments.

Today's meeting of the General Council said that the report "emphasised the responsibility resting upon trade unions in the present difficult circumstances of the country and also directed attention to the vital importance of maintaining price stability" by the Government.

The Council congratulated the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on his efforts to reach a solution and pledged support to him and the economic rehabilitation of Europe.

The Council emphatically approved the Marshall plan. In a statement issued for the guidance of TUC representatives for the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Trade Unions, the Council approved the principle of aid to Europe and described Mr. Marshall's ideas as a statesmanlike approach to the problems of Europe. It also congratulated American labour on its contribution to U.S. understanding of the European position.

There was real activity on the London stock markets today in commodity shares, in which overseas interests were playing the major part.

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Leather For Hong Kong

Fort Elizabeth, Dec. 18.
Token consignments of South African leather are being exported from Port Elizabeth to various parts of the world, including Hong Kong and Singapore. It is understood that the bulk of the leather being exported is of the quality of 150 tons of South African leather being exported this quarter to Britain. Exports are of the "black" sole offal type and mostly for inner soles. Associated Press.

Philippine Tariff Alarm

Manila, Dec. 17.
The morning newspaper "Manila Chronicle" said today that Philippine economy is threatened with crisis because of a provision in the draft charter of the International Trade Organization now in conference in Havana.

This provision will put a stop to preferential trade relations, which in effect would nullify the Philippine trade preferences in the United States under the Bell Act.

Immediate cessation of international trade preferences would mean to the Philippines the loss of the free American market.

After noting the determined Philippine opposition to the "TO" plan, the "Chronicle" said: "The situation at Havana has resulted in a major diplomatic problem for the Philippine Government. The Havana trade conference may bring the impact of a crisis to our national economy so helplessly tied up with the United States even after independence—United Press.

Italy May Get Share Of Gold

London, Dec. 16.
Italy is permitted to share in the distribution of monetary gold looted by Germany during the war under a protocol signed at the Foreign Office today.

Italy must now prove her claim to some 60 tons of gold before the British-American-French tripartite commission, established in Brussels.

Approximately 23,000 kilograms of fine gold must be first set aside from Italy's share and deposited with the three Allied Governments mentioned.

This is the equivalent of the amounts which will be claimed from Italy by France and Yugoslavia under the peace treaty with Italy.—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at \$290.50 a tael, went up to \$298, and fell back to \$284 at the close.

Piastres opened at \$12.80 a 100, went up to \$12.45, dropped to \$12.00, and closed at \$12.10.

Chinese National Currency opened at 85 cts. for futures and 45 cts. for spot (for CN\$10,000), and closed at 88 cts. and 48 cts. respectively.

U.S. dollars were unchanged at \$5.08. Sterling appreciated to \$13.20. Australian pounds were again quoted at \$12.51.

Prices continued to climb and reached \$29.50 a 100 yesterday. NET Golders were unchanged at \$26.70.

Reuter reported from Shanghai yesterday that there had been a change in the "gold" market rates, which stood at CN\$12,000 buyers and CN\$14,000 sellers for the U.S. Dollar.

CN\$22,000 buyers and CN\$23,000 sellers for Sterling.

Argentine Produces Peron Plan

Havana, Dec. 17.
Argentina is prepared to challenge United States supremacy in the Western Hemisphere by offering its own "Peron Plan" of \$5,000,000,000 in loans to needy nations of the world, especially South America.

The dramatic offer was announced in a press conference last night by Mr. Diego Luis Molinari, chief Argentine delegate to the United Nations trade conference here. He said the Argentine plan should go hand in glove with the Marshall Plan.

Mr. Molinari's announcement came and scathing denunciation of the United States for limiting the Marshall plan aid to nations of Western Europe despite Argentina's plea that needy nations of the Western Hemisphere be included.

The plea was rejected when proposed by the Argentine delegates at the Inter-American defence conference at Rio de Janeiro several months ago.

Mr. Molinari said it was imperative some sort of aid plan for the Western Hemisphere be started immediately to coincide with the Marshall plan. He emphasised repeatedly in the course of a 30-minute conference that Argentina was prepared to distribute an equivalent of \$5,000,000,000 in loans not only to Latin American nations but to any qualified nation—United Press.

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Notice To Consignees.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1947.

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"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	3 p.m. 24th Dec.
"PAKHAI"	Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar	D.L. 25th Dec.
"NEWCHWANG"	Bangkok	4 p.m. 25th Dec.
"FOOCHOW"	Swatow	3 p.m. 27th Dec.
"SZECHUEN"	Japan Ports	4 p.m. 28th Dec.
"FENGTIEN"	Japan Ports	4 p.m. 28th Dec.

ARRIVALS FROM
 "HUNAN" Swatow a.m. 19th Dec.
 "NEWCHWANG" Shanghai 22nd Dec.
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 "NANCHANG" Shanghai 27th Dec.

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 Airmail for Canton and Chungking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
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 Canton, 7 a.m.
 Macao, Tientsin and Shekai, 8 a.m.
 Saigon, 10 a.m.
 Macao, Tientsin and Shekai, 1 p.m.
 Canton, 2 p.m.
 Straits, Ceylon, East and South Africa and Bombay, 3 p.m.
 Yokohama, 3 p.m.
 Haiphong, 4 p.m.
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 Canton, 5 p.m.

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 Kowloon, 4 p.m.
 Canton, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 12

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Manila:
 Dec. 19, Cathay Pacific, noon.
 Dec. 23, Cathay Pacific, noon.

Shanghai:
 Dec. 19, C.N.A.C. (DC-4), 10.45 a.m.
 Dec. 19, HK Airways (Capt. Ballantine), 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu):
 Dec. 25, Pan-American, 4.40 p.m.
 San Francisco (via Honolulu):
 Dec. 20, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Salmon:
 Dec. 19, Air France, 2 p.m.

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 Dec. 20, BOAC (Capt. Scadding), 8 a.m.
 Singapore via Bangkok:
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U.S. VISITORS
 Shanghai, Dec. 18.

Chinese authorities here have completed arrangements to welcome a United States Congressional party headed by Democratic Representative, Mr. J. S. Smith of Iowa, which is scheduled to arrive here this morning for a general economic and industrial survey of China. The party is composed mostly of American industrialists and businessmen who will study ways and means of further developing Sino-American trade.

—Reuter.

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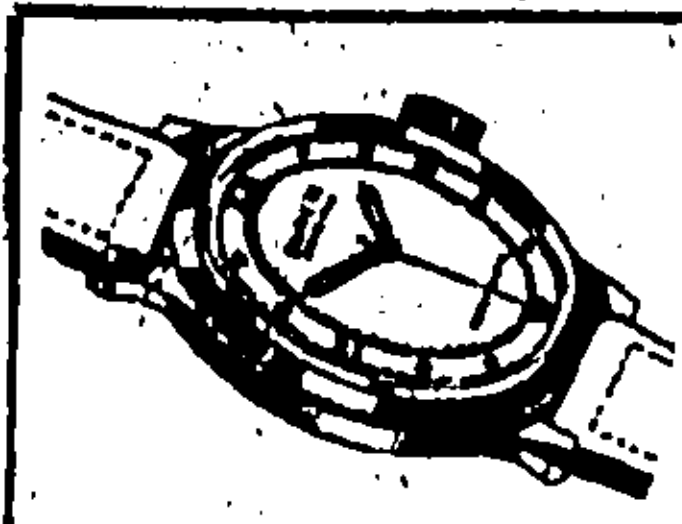
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Formosan Governor's Wife Opens Libel Suit

Shanghai, Dec. 18. The libel suit brought by Madame Wei Tao-min, wife of the Governor of Taiwan, against the newspaper Tien Pao for calling her Formosa's "super-governor," opened today before the court. The publisher of the paper appeared but Madame Wei was absent. The Tien Pao accused Madame Wei of currency speculation and operating a lumber export business. — United Press.

St. Joseph's Men For Sing Tao?

St. Joseph's hopes of entering the Second Round of the Senior Shield Football competition seem to have disappeared completely as the result of a persistent rumour that Sing Tao Sports Club have secured the all their touring team with the exception of St. Joseph's for the shield tie on Sunday. The players who have been transferred from Kit Chee to Sing Tao include, Hau Yung-sung, Lai Shui-wing, Ho Ying-fan, Sung Ling-sing, and Lau Chung-sung. With the above players in the ranks of the Sing Tao team, which played and beat some of the amateur teams in England recently, and with the training and experience gained in England, the most optimistic supporter of St. Joseph's would not dare to hope for a St. Joseph's win on Sunday. He can only hope that St. Joseph's lose playing the game and with colours flying. The loss of these star players will greatly weaken the Kit Chee team and they will be fully extended by the Inniskillings on Saturday.

Sport Here And There

U.K. GOLF

London, Dec. 17. Fourteen tournaments in addition to the British and Irish open championships are listed by the Professional Golfers Association for next year.

Two match events, "News of the World" (PGA championship) and the "Daily Telegraph" (for amateur and professional partnerships) will be played near the end of the season and the rest are to be decided by stroke play.

The open championship will be played at Muirfield, Scotland from June 28 to July 2, while the Irish Open takes place at Portmarnock from July 8 to 10. Meanwhile, Dai Rees and Max Faulkner, two members of the British Ryder Cup team, arrived in the Queen Mary at Southampton today from New York. Of the Ryder Cup match, Rees said: "It was Chinese golf to me, playing in wet conditions with a big ball. Had conditions been drier we should have done better." — Reuter.

RUGBY

London, Dec. 17. Rugby Union results of games played yesterday were as follows: Royal Marines 3 Aldershot 10; Ulster 26 Army 13. — Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 17. The French Rugby XV to meet Scotland at Colombes Stadium, Paris on January 1 was announced today. As follows: "Rack-Rouffia": Three-quarters—Jeanjean, Penmetheux, Sorondo, Junques and Torreaux; Halves—Alvarez (fly) and Bergougnan (scrum); Forwards—Prat, Basquet, Mathew, Soro, Moga, Bury, Caron and Martin. — Reuter.

STUD STOCK

London, Dec. 17. Thirteen foals bought at Newmarket for Italy, were shipped from Folkestone to Boulogne today on their way to Rome. Two French horses which have been racing in England and were delayed in returning by the recent French strike, also left for France. — Reuter.

Toshack May Be Back For 3rd Game

The second Test match between the Australians and Indians ended today in a draw, with no play possible owing to rain. Out of the five days allotted to this Test, three were blank days.

The final scores were: India 188 and 61 for seven Australia 107.

Australia's team for the third Test against India, beginning at Melbourne on January 1, will be chosen from the following twelve players: Bradman, Brown, Hamence, Hassett, Ian Johnson, Bill Johnston, Lindwall, McCool, Miller, Morris, Tait and Toshack.

This same twelve were chosen for the first Test, and show one change from the second Test, Toshack, now fit, returning in place of Neil Harvey, the present 12th man. Sidney Barnes will play for New South Wales against South Australia in the match beginning at Adelaide on Dec. 20 and he may be available for the fourth Test.

Objection

Amarnath objected to the use of the roller yesterday, due to ignorance of the laws. Amarnath is not the first Test captain to forget the laws. In 1921, after the first day's play had been washed out by rain, Lionel Tennyson declared England's innings closed on the second day, leaving less than one hour and 40 minutes for play. Warwick Armstrong pointed out that the match came under the two-day rule and England continued batting. — Reuter.

FOOTBALL

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club 1st XI against the Navy on Saturday, at Club Ground, kick-off 4 p.m. Leck, E. Strange, Fjelstad, Mullen, Farrow, Beck, F. Fowler, Weller, Reidman, Sack, Hickford. The following will represent the Club 2nd eleven versus H.Q.I.F. on Saturday, at the Club ground, kick-off 2.15 p.m. sharp: Canton, Taylor, Sloan, Ritchie, E. Fowler, L. Strange, Levey, Urquhart, Gardner, Gaffney, Barker, Reserves—Hamley, Onasget, Kennard.

ICE HOCKEY

Ottawa, Dec. 17. The Canadian Ice Hockey Association is making a nationwide search for amateur ice hockey players to represent Canada at the winter Olympics.

This followed the heavy defeat for the Royal Canadian Air Force team which had been chosen to represent Canada. The Air Force last night took their second defeat in succession when a mediocre army side won 6-2. It then announced that the Olympic team would be "considerably bolstered" before leaving for Switzerland.

The difficulty is to find players who were unpaid for their services, and one joking suggestion was that the Olympic committee should sign the Quebec "amateur team" which at present is on strike for back pay. — Reuter.

WIFE WATCHED

London, Dec. 17. Fred Oberlander, 33-year-old Vienna born company director, who held the British heavy-weight wrestling title from 1939 to 1946 and is unbeaten in this country, won the heavy-weight division of London's wrestling championships tonight, winning both his bouts on falls.

He beat K. Richmond in two minutes 39 seconds and L. Piddock in eight minutes 24 seconds. Oberlander, who weighs over 16 stone, was watched by his wife. — Reuter.

ON POINTS

Amsterdam, Dec. 17. The Dutch middleweight champion, Luc Van Dam, won a ten rounds contest on points against a Frenchman, Robert Chiron, here tonight. A crowd of 3,000 spectators saw the Dutchman's superior technique gain a well earned victory. He floored the Frenchman in the second round for a short count. The Frenchman's attacks were constantly checked by the accurate counterpunching of Van Dam. — Reuter.

Film Reps. Return



Hong Kong's Managing Director of International Film Co. (Mr. Harry Odell) and Mrs. Odell returned by air from London to the Colony yesterday. They were accompanied by Mr. George Y. Sun, Manager of the King's Theatre. Mr. Sun took with him to London a Chinese film which was given a very good reception. — China Mail photo.

MICHAEL KISSES HIS LOVE GOODBYE — BY LEAVE OF SOVIET

London, Dec. 18.

King Michael of Rumania, the world's only Soviet-dominated monarch, kissed Princess Anne de Bourbon Parma goodbye at the railroad station in Lausanne, Switzerland, today with such fervor that it seemed to underline his fears Moscow might even now change its mind about her.

Princess Anne returned the kisses with somewhat less emotion on the steps of the second-class coach she reserved for the trip home to Denmark with her mother, Princess Margaret. The engagement should be delayed until the international situation improves. — United Press.

DUTCH WOMAN CHARGED WITH NEI WAR CRIMES

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.

The trial opens here in a special court next Saturday of 48-year-old Mrs. Hermine Bouffier-Kollwijn, accused of betraying fellow inmates of the "Tjiden" internment camp in the Netherlands East Indies, where 10,000 European women lived during the Japanese occupation.

The accused is alleged to have informed on women breaking camp rules with the result that they were shot and beaten on the orders of Captain Honel, Japanese camp commander, who has since been executed as a war criminal.

After the Japanese capitulation, most of the women were repatriated to Holland, including Mrs. Bouffier-Kollwijn and a Mrs. Tolhoek-Mallepaard, who will act as a Crown witness. — Reuter.

TABLE TENNIS

In a table tennis match on Wednesday night, W.O. and Sgts. HQ Land Forces defeated an ATS side by five games to one.

Although the ATS put up a good fight they were unable to cope with the speed and coolness

Tetanus Germ Used To Treat Malaria

New York, Dec. 17.

Scientists from the Philippines tonight reported the successful use of the germ which causes lockjaw in the treatment of malaria. A report was made by Dr. Eusebio y Garcia, senior malariologist at the medical research clinic at Binan, Laguna.

The annual meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences heard Dr. Garcia's report, which is considered to be one of the most striking developments in the battle against malaria.

Dr. Garcia, who did some of his work several years ago in Florida, said the use of tetanus toxoid lockjaw germs (made inactive by chemical treatment) had cut down the number of relapses suffered by patients afflicted with the recurrent type of malaria. This type is known technically as plasmodium vivax.

He also reported some success in the treatment of patients with the fatal type of malaria, known technically as plasmodium falciparum. Dr. Garcia said an injection of tetanus toxoid was made in conjunction with the administration of atabrine or chloroquine, the two most popular synthetic compounds developed when America's supply of quinine was cut off in this

NEW CURRENCY PLAN FOR WEST GERMANY

U.S. And Britain Revise Terms

London, Dec. 17.

The United States will provide all essential dollar imports and bear three-quarters of the total expenditure of the combined Anglo-American Occupation zones of Germany until the end of 1948 under the revision of the 1946 bi-zonal fusion arrangement announced in London and Washington tonight.

It will turn western Germany for practical purposes into a hard currency country and compel Britain to increase her non-food exports to Germany from the Sterling area in order to pay for her imports of scrap and timber.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Government of the United Kingdom will provide the contribution of some £8,500,000, either in goods or cash in respect of the period of November 1 to December 31, 1947, and will provide goods from the Sterling area in 1948 valued at £17,500,000, and will hold available a sum of £4,250,000 to be used to procure such additional supplies from the Sterling area as it may be possible to obtain in future.

Britain's Part The contribution of the Government of the United Kingdom will include the provision of 33 ships to lift cargoes for Germany from United States ports in November and December of this year and enough ships to lift 12 complete cargoes, each month during the calendar year of 1948.

The American authorities will take over the corresponding share in the control of the German import and export policy, while Britain has agreed to provide and pay for all essential imports into the zones which can be purchased from the Sterling countries. The agreement—the result of ten weeks of negotiations between the two governments over Britain's inability to continue to pay dollars for food for Germany—will almost completely stop the dollar drain on Britain caused by German imports and greatly reduce the burden on the British taxpayer. The agreement takes no account of the expenditure which may be incurred by either government for the maintenance of the forces of occupation and control staff in Germany. When these costs are taken into account the expenditure, in respect of the combined zones, occupation in Germany in 1948 borne respectively by the government of the United States and the government of the United Kingdom will be approximately in proportions of three to one.

Letters From Readers

St. Louis' School

Sir—Thanks to the generous and wholehearted co-operation of friends and benefactors, St. Louis' Industrial School has been able to carry out successfully the task it set itself at the beginning of this year, viz. the moral, physical and intellectual training of so many boys who tomorrow will be the men in whom Society puts its trust.

St. Louis' little world consists of 700 boys who practice with enthusiasm the knowledge and advice imparted to them by the staff, 35 in number, including Fathers, Brothers, Teachers and Craftsmen.

We have 86 boarders and of these no less than 55 are maintained gratis or pay an insignificant fee. The day-boys came mostly from the poorer classes. More than 150 receive free education.

Despite the fact that our income has been greatly reduced in recent times, we can say with truth that our work is flourishing more than ever, and what is more, we have never turned away any poor unfortunate boy who stood in need of our help. To this limitless trust in Providence we attribute the hearty support we receive from our kind friends and benefactors.

It is how some years since we organized our Christmas Tree Party for the poor boys of West Point, and each year this event has succeeded so as to exceed by far the limits of our expectations, both in its popularity and in the way those who are generous to the poor contribute to the fund.

We would therefore if you would invite your readers to send a gift to our Christmas Tree and thus add to the amount of the happiness at our disposal. Gifts of any kind or money will be very gratefully received.

REV. FETTER POMATI, Director.

KRUPPS WORKS TO DISAPPEAR

Berlin, Dec. 17.

Neither Krupps nor Thyssens have been exempted from dismantling under the "relieve" granted to 23 German works in the Anglo-American occupation zone, announced last night.

Undisturbed

The agreement does not disturb the existing administrative arrangements within Germany for bi-partite control of economic affairs, except that it has been agreed that, in view of its larger financial contribution, the Government of the United States should be given a larger measure of authority in the operations of the Joint Export-Import Agency and Joint Foreign Exchange Agency.

The latter agency handles foreign accounts and finances of the Export-Import Agency, which in turn handles the export-import business of the two zones.

The mechanism for this increased measure of control consists of an arrangement whereby the Board of Directors of the two agencies shall be weighed in proportion to the financial contributions of the two countries. — Reuter.

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The New Democracy — Jap Style

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

Democracy in Japan: The newspaper "Asahi" noted on Thursday that the new Agriculture Minister Kaneko Kikuo is promising improvement in the food and fuel situation, but it recalled that the commerce Minister also had planned more coal; the former Agriculture Minister, more food; the Economic Stabilization Director, lower prices; and the Premier "a bright future."

And, "We know what these nice speeches have brought us," the paper concludes. — Associated Press.

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Death Toll Of Winter In S'hai Is Growing

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

More than a hundred of Shanghai's starving, shivering, poor have died on the city's streets during the past 48 hours as the price of rice — China's staple food — shot to new inflationary heights.

Rice merchants called on Mayor K. C. Wu to seek measures for bringing the food price below the C\$8,000,000 mark for a 133 lb. picul.

One newspaper displayed a story of a conference beside a brief item saying that 141 unidentified corpses—131 children—were picked up during the past two days.

Officials of benevolent institutions said that the large number of children's bodies indicated the growing despair among the poor. If the rice price continues to be beyond the reach of lower class workers, the situation for this winter, which has already begun with a severe cold spell, is one of dread for thousands.

City Of Contrasts

Shanghai is a city of violent contrasts. With Black Market millions rubbing shoulders with 200,000 miserably poor refugees from war areas. These wretches, dressed in tattered blue farmer's garb, carrying infants, through the city of 4,000,000, begging for enough food to keep alive throughout a single day.

Food, meanwhile, continues abundant in the best restaurants, whose scraps are often picked over by hollow-eyed stragglers outside. The stark contrast is described as "more productive."

It is estimated that he would distribute some of his Shanghai interests in Kwangtung, which has been described as "more productive."

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